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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

TALLY HO, GRANVILLE CO., N. C.,

August 12, 14, 1862.

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Officers and Committees of the Association.

ELDER W. A. ATKINSON, *Moderator*, Forestville, N. C.
E. DALBY, *Clerk*, Tranquilty, N. C.
J. H. MILLS, *Treasurer*, Oxford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF BETHEL ACADEMY.

Elder J. E. Montague, R. D. Bumpass,
J. F. Neal, D. A. Harris,
W. H. Lawson.

Proceedings.

Tally Ho Church, Granville Co., N. C., }
Tuesday, August 12th, 1862. }

The Flat River Baptist Association convened according to adjournment. Elder T. J. Horner, who was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon being absent, said sermon was preached by Elder M. T. Sumner, from the 97th Psalm and 2nd verse.

After intermission for refreshment, the Association assembled and was called to order by the Moderator, W. A. Atkinson. Letters from the different churches were called for and read.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Elder W. A. Atkinson was re-elected Moderator, and E. Dalby re-elected Clerk.

Correspondents from sister Associations were invited to seats with us. Elder Jas. S. Purefoy and Bro. I. Winston presented themselves from the Raleigh Association. Elder M. T. Sumner, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Domestic Mission Board, presented himself, and was invited to a seat with us.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

Committee of Finance—Brethren W. S. Thompson, S. S. Hicks and E. C. Montague.

Committee of Arrangements—J. H. Mills, B. F. Hester and H. Freeman.

Religious Service—Deacons of Tally Ho church with Elder J. P. Montague and Bro. F. M. Meadows.

Committee of Arrangements made a report, which was adopted.

Correspondents appointed last year were called on to report. Elder W. A. Atkinson and E. Dalby attended the Central Association. C. J. Rogers and J. Ferrell attended the Raleigh Association.

Correspondents to sister Associations were then appointed as follows:

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Sandy Creek—Elder Jas P. Montague and D. A. Patterson.

Beulah—Elder Wm. E. Oakley and D. A. Harris.

Concord—Bro. D. A. Harris, Elder J. E. Montague and Warren Overby.

Dan River—Brethren J. H. Mills and Warren Overby.

Raleigh—Elder W. A. Atkinson, E. Dalby and C. J. Rogers.

Tar River—Brethren J. H. Mills and E. Winston.

Central—Brethren E Winston, Jas. P. Montague, Jackson Vaughan, E. Dalby, W. A. Atkinson, Jas. M. Satterwhite and J. H. Mills.

The following brethren were appointed committees on the different objects of the Association, viz:

Foreign Missions—Elder S. W. Worrell.

State Missions—Elder M. T. Sumner.

Education—Elder J. S. Purefoy.

Periodicals—Bro. B. F. Hester.

Sabbath Schools—Elder J. P. Montague.

Temperance—Elder Wm. E. Oakley.

Colportage—Elder J. D. Hufham.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. P. Montague.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 13th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

The roll called, and proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

Correspondents were invited to seats with us. The following brethren accepted the invitation, viz: Elder J. D. Hufham, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, from the Central Association; Elder N. B. Cobb, representing Colportage among the soldiers in and from N. C., from the Pamlico Association; Elder S. W. Worrell, from the Chowan Association; Elder A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convertion.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved 1st. That Elder N. B. Cobb is entitled to our gratitude for his untiring labors in behalf of the soldiers of North Carolina.

2nd. That we commend him and his cause to the favorable consideration of the churches of this Association.

3rd. That the committee on Religious Exercise be requested to appoint a suitable time for him to address the congregation and take up a collection.

On motion, a committee consisting of Elders J. D. Huf-

ham and J. S. Purefoy, were appointed to report on the State of the Country.

The committee appointed last year to revise the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of our Association made a report, which was adopted. (See Constitution and Rules of Decorum.)

On motion, proceeded to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year. J. H. Mills was elected Treasurer.

Elder J. S. Purefoy read a report on Education, which was adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, the Association took up a collection amounting to $21 25 to pay Bro. H. Freeman for one months service as Colporter in the year 1859.

Elder M. T. Sumner read a report on State Missions, which was adopted after interesting addresses by the author and Elder A. M. Poindexter, and a collection taken up amounting to $300, for the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be applied to furnishing Missionaries to the Southern army. After which special prayer was offered by Elder A. M. Poindexter for our country. Adjourned for refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled and proceeded to business.

Bro. B. F. Hester read a report on Periodicals which was adopted after remarks by the author, Bro. J. H. Mills and Elder J. D. Hufham. (See Appendix.)

Moved that a call be made on those present to contribute to send the *Recorder* to our soldiers, and a committee consisting of Brethren J. S. Purefoy, I. Winston and J. D. Hufham was appointed to solicit funds for said object during the Association.

A report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted, after remarks by Elder A. M. Poindexter. (See Appendix.)

Elder Wm. E. Oakley read a report on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the Association agreed to hold its next session with the Mountain Creek Church in Granville County, N. C., to commence Tuesday after the 2nd Sabbath in August next. Elder T. J. Horner was appointed to preach the Introductory and Elder E. F. Beacham the Conventional sermon at the next session.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder M. T. Sumner.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 14th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. T. Sumner.

Roll called and proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The committee appointed to report on the State of the Country read a report, which was adopted.

Elder J. P. Montague read a report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted after remarks by Elder J. S. Purefoy, Bro. W. S. Thompson and Elder A. M. Poindexter.

Bro. N. E. Cannady presented himself as a correspondent from the Central Association, and was invited to a seat with us.

E. Dalby, former Treasurer, read a report which was adopted. (See Report.)

The Finance Committee reported that they received $36 80 from the different churches.

On motion, Elder J. P. Montague and Brethren B. F. Hester and E. C. Montague were appointed a committee to appoint delegates to the Convention to represent the funds collected during the Association.

Elder J. D. Huf ham read a report on Colportage, which was adopted after interesting remarks by Elders N. B. Cobb, M. T. Sumner, and J. D. Huf ham, and a collection was taken up for Colportage amounting to $261, for the soldiers in and from North Carolina.

Moved and carried that Elder J. D. Huf ham be requested to publish the report on the State of the Country and Colportage in the *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have as many of these Minutes printed as the money belonging to the Association would pay for, and he be allowed $12 50 for his services.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the hospitality extended to the members of this body during this session,

On motion, the Association then adjourned to meet again with the church at Mountain Creek in Granville county, N. C., commencing Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1863. Prayer by Elder A. M. Poindexter.

W. A. ATKINSON, Moderator.

E. DALBY, Clerk.

A LIST OF LIFE DIRECTORS, LIFE MEMBERS AND DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

Life Directors—W. S. Grandy, E. Dalby.

Life Members—F. M. Meadows, S. S. Hicks, W. A. Atkinson.

Delegates—J. J. Meadows, H. Freeman, R. Peed, R. S. Barnett, A. M. Veazey, Joseph Gooch, J. M. Satterwhite, E. F. Beacham, R. I. Devin, J. M. Howell, A. C. Parham, J. F. Neal, D. A. Harris, A. M. Clay, Wm. A. Curren, F. B. Hester, W. Parham, Z. M. P. Downy, A. H. Lunsford, J. W. Hamlet, T. J. Horner, E. Hester, Wm. E. Oakley, E. Winston, T. J. Montague, Thos. Hester, G. W. Thompson, W. S. Thompson, R. O. Weathers, T. B. Lyon, J. W. Dalby, E. J. Montague, N. A. Waller, E. Meadows, J. M. Pittard, J. B. Hobgood, J. O'Brian, W. Overby.

To the Biennial Southern Convention—R. I. Devin, J. E. Montague, R. H. Marsh.

MINISTERS OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	N. C.
T. J. Horner,	Bethel Hill,	"
James King,	Blue Wing,	"
Wm. H. Jordan,	Oxford,	"
R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
E. F. Beacham,	Oxford,	"
R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	"
J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho,	"
E. Hester,	Dutchville,	"
W. A. Atkinson,	Forestville,	"
Wm. S. Hobgood,	Fish Dam,	"
J. H. Layton,	Roger's Store,	"
Wm. E. Oakley,	Berea,	"
E. J. Montague, Licentiate,	Tally Ho,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Associat'n F'nd.
Mt. Zion,	John O'Brian, Joseph Gooch, J. B. Hobgood,†	..	..	..	..	3	122	$ 1 50
Concord,	E. Dalby, Wm. R. Suit, Benjamin Wheeler	..	..	..	..	4	128	2 00
Tally Ho,	Samuel Montague, F. M. Meadows, L. Hobgood†,	5	1	..	..	1	60	1 50
Hester,	B. F. Hester, B. Meadows, J. M. Satterwhite,	5	..	7	2	2	265	3 00
Flat River Union	Thomas Green, John Nance, R. Peed,	..	..	..	..	2	122	1 50
Mount Moriah,	C. J. Strayhorn,† D. A. Patterson,† S. F. Patterson†,	..	1	..	1	..	108	1 60
New Light,	S. Penny, A. Bailey, P. S. Rogers	1	.	3	1	4	160	2 00
New Bethel,	W. A. Atkinson, W. S. Thompson, G. W. Thompson,†	..	..	3	..	4	188	1 50
Fellowship,	R. O. Weathers, Wm. O. Dear,† W. Rogers,†	5	..	..	..	..	54	1 00
Tabb's Creek,	S. S. Hicks, H. Barnes,† A. C. Parham,	..	..	1	1	3	105	1 50
Island Creek,	H. A. Burton,† Wm. T. Gunn,† J. T. C. Norwood,†	..	1	..	3	2	244	2 00
Corinth,	J. M. Howell, H. Harris,† J. M. Pittard,	..	..	6	1	1	125	1 50
Oxford,	J. H. Mills, A. M. Clay, E. C. Montague,	3	2	2	1	3	102	2 00
Grassy Creek,	Thomas Hester, R. S. Barnett, J. M. Overby,†	3	..	3	1	11	343	2 00
Olive Branch,	J. R. Sanford, W. W. Hill,† R. D. Bumpass,†	16	..	..	..	3	209	2 00
Bethel,	D. A. Harris, T. J. Montague, J. E. Montague,†	9	..	..	1	6	120	2 00
Sandy Level,	D. H. Forsyth, C. J. Rogers,† J. H. Layton,†	4	..	..	..	..	35	1 00
Amis Chapel,	Warren Overby, H. Y. Allen,† J. Chandler,	11	1	1	..	2	84	1 50
Mt. Harmony,	R. J. Davis, H. C. Sweany,†	..	1	..	..	1	42	1 00
Antioch,	J. W. Hamlet,† A. H. Lunsford, H. Burton,	3	1	1	..	..	32	1 00
Pleasant Grove,	H. Freeman, J. W. Kemp, J. E. Freeman,	5	4	..	..	2	62	1 50
Mountain Creek,	P. Blackwell,† Wm. King,† Z. M. P. Downy,	24	3	..	..	4	111	2 00
22 churches.	Ex-Officio Members.—J. P. Montague, E. Hester, Wm. E. Oakley, J. S. Purefoy. †Absent.	94	15	27	12	58	2821	$36 60

Appendix.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st.—The Flat River Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches of the Association. Each church may send three delegates, and their appointment shall be certified in their respective letters.

2nd.—The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of education, colportage and missions.

3rd.—The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th.—The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th.—The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th.—The Treasurer shall keep the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st.—Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd.—Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd.—The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th.—No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th.—Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th.—No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th.—Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th.—Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th.—Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th.—A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

J. H. MILLS, Ch'mn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

August, 1861.	Received from Finance committee,		$36 25
"	Cash on hand,		1 20
			$37 45

CONTRA.

Paid J. D. Huffham for printing Minutes,	$24 00	
Clerk's fees,	12 50	
Freight on Minutes,	25	36 75
Cash on hand,		70

E. DALBY, Treasurer.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The importance of this Mission none will doubt. No higher obligation can rest upon the churches than the duty of cultivating the home field. Your committee learn with regret that this department of labor has been suspended for want of means. There is, however, a debt still remaining in favor of missionaries that have been in the service of the State Board of the Convention, which should be promptly discharged.—If the circumstances of the country have rendered it impossible to continue this work, there is no reason why the debt due the former laborers should not be cancelled. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that measures should be adopted at once to liquidate this sacred obligation. And that the Board of the Convention should resume their labors as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. SUMNER.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee learn with pleasure that this department of christian labor is still in effective operation. The laborers in China and Africa are at their posts. From Bro. Taylor's late communications we learn that while there is a temporary difficulty in remitting funds to our missionaries in foreign lands, the liabilities of the Board are not diminished and funds must be forwarded as soon as the opportunity is furnished. Hence it is the duty of the churches to make their usual contributions to this object. Let us not forget that our Bro. Yates is still dependent upon our liberality.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. WORRELL.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Before the present war we, as christians, did but a small part of our duty in respect to Sabbath Schools. Since the present crisis much less has been done. The want of suitable books; the absence of many of our active brethren; the disturbed state of the public mind—have all contributed to lessen the good effects of this institution. But few of our churches have a Sabbath School, and these few are generally very poorly attended.

Resolved, That in view of the great importance of this institution, we urge our brethren to increased zeal and activity in behalf of Sabbath Schools.

J. P. MONTAGUE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

I having been appointed by this body to report on Temperance, do believe it to be a noble cause, especially if carried out in all things. "Therefore be ye temperate in all things. Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association request all the members of the churches of which it is composed, to put forth greater efforts to advance the cause of temperance in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. OAKLEY.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

A well conducted religious paper is indispensible in every family. By containing a variety of matter it is calculated to benefit persons in every class, condition and circumstance in life. Through this medium information is obtained which begets a spirit of liberality and a disposition to do good. It begets a unity of opinion and a hearty co-operation among the brethren. And by means of it we may determine where and when our efforts may be directed with most success.—Your committee thinks nothing better can be done than to recommend the heads of every family to take the *Biblical Reeorder*, and that the Association take steps to send a large number of the *Recorder* to our soldiers now in the field.

B. F. HESTER.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In consequence of the civil war now existing between the Northern and Southern States, the cause of education is much injured; nearly all of the male schools and many of the female schools in the South are suspended. At the first breaking out of the war many of the students of Wake Forest College left and volunteered to defend the homes and rights of the South, so that in July, 1861, we found our number reduced to less than thirty students. The trustees and faculty agreed to carry on the classes, hoping for peace and a return of pupils. In the spring of this year, the war still raging, Congress passed a law taking all white men as soldiers between the ages of 18 and 35 years. Congress made no exemptions in favor of students, consequently nearly all our students were taken, and the College was suspended in May, 1862.

Last December in consequence of a want of funds in the educational department of the Convention, its board was under the necessity of dismissing all our beneficiaries, and thus ministerial education was brought to a stand still. The panic of last year caused our brethren to withhold their contributions, and the consequence was that the educational department of our Convention was left in debt $838 39. Unexpectedly we find that trade has become brisk, prices good, and money plenty, we therefore hope that our brethren will send funds liberally to the Convention this year and pay this debt, so that when the war ceases and we again commence operations, we shall not be embarrassed by an old debt.

We are glad to be able to state that Bethel Academy, your Associational school, is still in progress, under the excellent management of Rev. T. J. Horner. We can assure the public that it is a preparatory school worthy of patronage.

Oxford Female College, under the direction of Bro. J. H. Mills, has stemmed the current of war times and is still in successful operation. We feel that we can safely recommend Oxford Female College as fully worthy of the patronage of the public generally.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. PUREFOY.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

Your committee on Army Colportage respectfully submit the following:

Army Colportage is not one of those enterprises whose expediency and importance need to be established by argument, and our own personal interest in it awakened by stirring appeals. The vast column of men now in the field deprived, to a great extent, of the privileges of the sanctuary, removed from religious influences, exposed to temptations of a novel and seductive character, and yet, dropping into the grave every day, from the hospital and the battle field, appeal for the bread of life in tones which no one can resist or disregard.—These men are our own friends and kindred. From every community, sanctuary, and fireside, they have gone to swell the ranks of this grand army. They are sacrificing their own lives in order that ours may be preserved, our liberties continued to us unimpaired, and the sanctity of our homes kept inviolate. Every consideration of patriotism and religion, interest and affection unite to bring this matter home to us. All feel deeply their force, and gladly avail themselves of means for discharging their responsibilities in this respect.—Colportage, both for the camp and the hospital, has been shown to be the most efficient means of reaching the soldiers. Under the direction of Elder A. E. Dickinson, a large number of colperters has been employed, and tracts printed and extensively distributed among the soldiers of the Confederacy. His efforts have met a hearty and liberal response from the christians of our whole country.

North Carolina has had a large number of soldiers in the field in her own borders and elsewhere, but nothing special in this line was attempted for them for some time. Elder N. B. Cobb feeling the importance of the work, and having a large

number of soldiers around him, went to work under the direction of the church in Goldsboro'. He has accomplished much good, and deserves the thanks of the denomination for his efforts and sacrifices in behalf of the North Carolina soldiers. While therefore we would not discourage any liberality towards the cause of army colportage generally, we would suggest the adoption of the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we deem it important to have a Superintendent of Colportage in North Carolina.

2. That we appreciate and approve the course of Elder N. B. Cobb, in doing so much in this respect.

3. That he be requested to continue his efforts, and that we commend him to our churches and brethren.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your committee on the State of the Country, respectfully submit the following:

The circumstances under which we meet to-day are solemn and afflictive, and yet joyous and cheering.

Our enemies have relaxed none of their efforts to conquer us. Their determination is unabated; their preparations already unprecedented in the history of the world, have been largely increased, and during the past year they gained a series of victories commencing with the battle of Dranesville, which were as inspiring to them as they were depressing and discouraging to us. Since we last met, thousands of our countrymen have fallen on the battle field or in the hospital, and still we need in the field every man who can bear arms. Judging by the spirit of our enemies as manifested in the columns of their public journals, there is little prospect of a speedy peace, and this war, desolating as it is, must go on.—For we can never yield. Contending for every right which christian freemen hold dear, we should be less than men to yield while there was a single ray of hope. But our enemies have largely increased the miseries of the contest. Burning with a fierce fanatical hatred of us and our institutions, and filled with the lust of conquest, they have broken through all the regulations of civilized nations for the conduct of war; have avowed a policy from which humanity might well recoil in horror, and wherever they have had the power have perpetrated outrages which will cover them with infamy to the end of time. The policy of universal emancipation and confiscation has been unblushingly adopted; they are arming the slaves to fight against us; private unoffending citizens

are dragged from their homes and families, carried to prison, and threatened with death; private property is appropriated or destroyed without scruple; ministers of the Gospel are imprisoned for the offence of loving their country; no age and no sex are exempt from outrage and indignity. We mourn then for our brethren who have fallen; we deeply regret that our enemies are not only determined to force this war on us, but are making it such a war; and while we are mortified by the defeats of the past year, we would recognize in them the hand of God chastening us for our sins.

Turning from these solemn and saddening subjects of contemplation, there are many things to cheer the heart of the christian patriot. God has continued to all parts of the country unusual good health, and there are prospects of a bountiful harvest. Our people are united in their determination to be free even where they have been overrun; they have confidence in their rulers, and yield in ready obedience to the laws. Our arms have been victorious in cases which have prostrated the plans of the enemy. The campaign of both the West and the East have been broken up by the battles of Shiloh and Richmond. These, particularly the latter, have been not less disastrous to our enemies than they have been glorious and encouraging to us. Our armies are on the move and there are indications that our conquered territory will soon be recovered. We may add to all this that our own Government has steadily refused to cherish the spirit of our enemies; have resorted to retaliation only so far as was necessary to protect our own citizens; and that other nations of the earth approve our course and sympathize with us in our struggle. While therefore there is much in the past to awaken humiliation and grief, and in the present to inspire solemnity, the future is radiant with promise. We would suggest the adoption of the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we recognize the hand of God in the reverses which our arms have sustained during the past year, chastening us for our sins.

2. That the blessings of God on our country, in crowning us to so great an extent with health, with plenty and with victory call for our heartfelt gratitude.

3. That our Government is entitled to the confidence of the people, and that as christian freemen we will sustain it by our prayers and our sacrifices until our enemies are conquered, and peace and independence crown our efforts.

4. That the churches of this body be requested to make unceasing prayer to God, the Ruler of nations and the disposer of events, for his blessing on our cause; and that they observe Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September as a day of fasting and prayer for our country.

MINUTES

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L. HOBGOOD, *Treasurer*, Oxford, N. C.

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W. H. Lawson.

Proceedings.

OXFORD, N. C., Tuesday, August 16th, 1864.

The Association met according to adjournment. In the absence of Elder R. H. Marsh, Elder T. J. Horner preached the introductory sermon from Acts 10: 32.

After a short intermission the delegates came together and were called to order by Elder W. A. Atkinson, the former Moderator. The letters from the churches were read. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Moderator, Elder W. A. Atkinson; Clerk, E. Dalby; Treasurer, L. Hobgood.

The invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by brother I. Winston of the Raleigh Association; Elders Pritchard and Wingate of the Central; J. K. Howell, Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. and Publication Board of the B. S. Convention of N. C.; and N. B. Cobb, General Superintendent of Colportage for N. C.

On motion, it was agreed that the word *keep* be stricken from the 6th article of the constitution, and the word *receive* inserted in its place.

The Moderator announced the following committees: on order of business, Elders R. H. Marsh and J. E. Montague and brother J. H. Mills; on religious exercises, the pastor and deacons of the church. The committee on order of business reported and the report was adopted.

Corresponding delegates to sister Associations, appointed at the last session, reported as follows: Elder R. H. Marsh had attended the Beulah, and Elder J. E. Montague the Dan River Associations. Corresponding delegates were then appointed as follows: to the Sandy Creek Association, Elder J. K. Howell and brother B. D. Rogers; to the Beulah, brethren J. W. Hamlet, D. A. Harris and J. H. Mills; Concord, brother J. S. Overby; Dan River, Elder J. E. Montague and brethren D. A. Harris and J. H. Mills; Raleigh, Elder W. A. Atkinson and brethren E. Dalby and C. J. Rogers; Tar River, Elder E. F. Beachum and brother E. Winston; Central, Elder E. F. Beachum and brethren J. H. Mills, J. M. Howell, E. Dalby and S. S. Hicks.

The Treasurer submitted the following report which was adopted:

1864.	Receipts.	
Received of Financial committee,		$629 45
" " Elder R. H. Marsh,		14 00
" " Tabb's Creek church,		3 00
" " Sundries,		16 87
" " Olive Branch church,		100 55
Total Receipts,		$784 89
	Disbursements.	
Paid the Clerk,		$12 50
" for Minutes,		64 50
" " *Recorder* for soldiers,		204 00
" Eld r Cobb for Colportage,		340 00
" Treasurer of Convention for Colportage,		101 55
" " " " " Home Missions,		42 34
Total Disbursements,		$764 89

The following committee, were then appointed: on State of Religion, Elders W. H. Jordan, T. J. Horner and E. Hester; on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship, Elder E. F. Beachum and brethren A. M. Veazy and J. M. Howell; on Sabbath Schools, Elders J. P. Montague, J. K. Howell and bro. T. T. Grandy; on Religious Instruction of Slaves, Elder W. M. Wingate and brethren J. B. Hobgood and J. M. Satterwhite; on Education, Elders R. H. Marsh and J. E. Montague and B. T. Winston; on Periodicals, Elder J. E. Montague and brethren R. Amis and John Sherman; on Missions, Elder T. H. Pritchard and brethren S. S. Hicks and J. W. Hamlet; on Colportage, Elder N. B. Cobb and brethren I. Winston and L. Hobgood. On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. E. Montague.

Wednesday Morning.

After prayer by Elder W. M. Wingate, the roll was called and the proceedings of yesterday were read. Elder J. K. Howell, from the committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following report:

Your committee beg leave to report that much interest in Sabbath

Schools is manifested by some of the churches while others appear indifferent. Every church should have a Sabbath School; for, under God, it is next to the preaching the gospel in giving christians an active zeal and in winning souls to Christ. Let us labor to enlist the great army of children in the Sabbath School; for our hope is with them while their mines are young and tender and susceptible to divine truth. Therefore,

Resolved, That the churches composing this Association be requested to use their best efforts for the promotion of Sabbath Schools among them, that God may be glorified and the dear children saved through riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

Pending the motion for the adoption of the report, addresses were delivered by Elders Howell, Pritchard and Wingate: and a collection amounting to $148 73 was made in behalf of the S. S. and Publication Board of the Baptist State Convention. The Association then called off to hear preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder T. J. Horner, from the committee on the State of the Churches, read the following report:

There is not, perhaps within the bounds of the Association, a single church that "He who holdeth the seven stars in his right hand hath not somewhat against." While our churches are as strong in numbers, as they have been at any time, they are weak in faith, slothful and negligent in business, "having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." Covetousness, which is so prevalent in the world at this time, has penetrated the church; and the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches is choking the word and causing it to be unfruitful. When we compare the zeal and earnestness of primitive times, with the carlessness and lukewarmness of the present we are almost forced to the conclusion, that genuine piety has nearly failed among the children of men. It is well that the attention of the Association has been called to the State of Religion in the churches. God grant that some means may be delivered by which it may be improved. All of which is respectfully, but sorrowfully submitted.

Pending the motion for the adoption of the report, addresses were delivered by Elders R. H. Marsh, T. J Horner, W. M. Wingate and E J. Montague, and brother J. H. Mills.

Elder W. M. Wingate, from the committee on the Religious Instruction of Slaves, read the following report:

The religious instruction of our colored people is a subject of peculiar interest to Southern christians. They are our poor; and "to the poor the gospel is preached" They are our dependents and receive only as we give; and within certain limits we bear their responsibilities. They form a part of our households; and he that provideth not spiritually for his own house "hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." They have been the *occasion* of the terrible struggle which has raged so fiercely for the last three years and by which our very existence has been imperiled. It is natural that we should anxiously enquire whether our conduct towards them has been the cause. When the equiry is made we are *compelled* to admit that their religious instruction has been greatly and sinfully neglected. But the means are simple and within our reach. They should be instructed through the preaching of God's word, Sabbath School, and through the efforts of christian families at home. Not to multiply means, we shall have accomplished much when we faithfully employ these.

The report was adopted after remarks by Elders Wingate and Jordan.

Brother B. T. Winston, from the committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elder J. E. Montague:

It is not deemed necessary by your committee to enter in an elaborate argument in support of Education. All admit its necessity as a hand-maid of religion, yet we are sorry to see such a prevailing negligence in reference to it on the part of many of our brethren. This war has unfortunately curtailed in a measure our means and opportunities of educating the youth of our Association, but we are happy to state that our beloved brethren Mills and Horner have their schools in successful operation. We would therefore earnestly recommend that all our brethren patronize them to the full extent of their ability. This is absolutely necessary to our successful competition with other denominations. Neglect to educate your sons and daughters and you will fail to have able defenders of the truth, and as a necessary consequence the cause of Christ will suffer in our hands.

Elder J. E. Montague, from the committee on Periodicals, reported as follows:

There are various channels through which instruction may be imparted. But perhaps there is none more affective than that of well conducted periodicals. Truth may be rapidly and extensively spread; error successfully combatted; different and distant minds

brought into familiar intercourse; the kingdom of Christ built up; and religious knowledge imparted. The *Recorder*, the organ of our denomination in this State, should be well supported, and extensively circulated by the churches of this Association; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the brethren of this Association a more extensive circulation of the *Recorder* and *Child's Index*.

On motion, the report was laid on the table till to-morrow. On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder W. H. Jordan.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After prayer by Elder N. B. Cobb, the roll was called and the proceedings of yesterday read. It was moved and agreed that the Clerk be instructed to insert, in the minutes, a table giving the names and post offices of the pastors and clerks, and time of meeting of the churches of the Association. On motion, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, the efficiency of many christians is much inpaired by a too remote residence from their churches; therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this body, it is important for all our brethren to hold their membership with those churches which they can serve with most efficiency and whose meetings they can attend with the greatest regularity.

The report on Periodicals was then taken up and adopted, after remarks by Elders Pritchard, Cobb and Marsh; and a collection, amounting to $571 83, was made to send the *Recorder* to the soldiers. The Association then called off to hear the Conventional sermon which was preached by Elder T. H. Pritchard, from 1 Tim. 1: 15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, Elder W. H. Jordan was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association; Elder E. F. Beachum, alternate. Elder R. H. Marsh was appointed to preach the Conventional sermon.

On motion, the Association agreed to hold the next session with the church at Grassy Creek.

Elder T. H. Pritchard, in behalf of the committee on Missions, submitted the following report:

MISSIONS.

The subject of Missions is a comprehensive one, including Foreign, Domestic, State, and Army Missions. As the Superintendent of Army Missions is present, the committee will leave the consideration of that department of missionary labor to him.

Foreign Missions.

The rigid blockade enforced by the enemies of our country, precluding all regular communication with other countries, has caused us almost to ignore the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention still has laborers in the foreign field, who look to us for the means of subsistence. In China brethren Yates, Crawford and Graves, with their wives, are successfully prosecuting the work of spreading the gospel among the worshippers of idols. The health of brother Yates and family requiring a change of climate, they are spending the present season in Switzerland, hoping to return and resume their legitimate duties during the approaching winter.

Nor has the African mission had been entirely abandoned. Brother Stone and family returned to Virginia last summer, in search of health; but brethren Reid and Philips are still there, doing what they can, amid the throes of revolution and the horrors of civil war, to establish the kingdom of Christ.

Domestic Missions.

The Board of Domestic Missions, located at Marion, Ala, have done a noble work among the soldiers of the Confederacy during the year. About one hundred thousand dollars have been expended by this Board in employing some sixty missionaries who have labored faithfully and successfully for the spiritual good of our armies. This Board had several missionaries at work among the Indians, and at important points in the different States of the Confederacy.

State Missions.

Your committee also beg leave to call the attention of the Association to the fact that the Board of Missions of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, located at Goldsboro, have resolved to sustain laborers at Greensboro, Salisbury, Weldon, and other important but neglected places, if the denomination will but supply them with the means. Your committee do, therefore, earnestly commend to the liberality of the churches the support of State Missions.

After remarks by Elders Pritchard and Cobb, the report was adopted.

The committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship reported af follows, through Elder E. F. Beachum:

Family worsh'p, or family prayer, signifies the religious offering or sacrifice presented to God by a collection of persons occupying the same abode, where one of the group presents the cause of the whole before the mercy seat and there earnestly importunes with the Giver of all good in their behalf. The manner and time mu t be determined by the feelings and circumstances of each family. If this kind of worship were more prevalent in our land it would seem like complying with the Divine counsel to purify the fountain in order that the streams may be pure. If parents and heads of families would spend more time at a family altar, in behalf of those they love, and less in in the popular current of wordly amusements they might anticipate greater proficiency in the divine life, an earlier reception of the truth and a larger amount of holy happiness in the family circle. This seems to us to be the duty of all pious heads of families, to pray with and for their children; like the woman of Canaan to urge the cases of those we love, to the favorable consideration of our blessed Savior and cry, "Lord help me!" This done, we may hope to see our sons as plants grown up in their youth and our daughters as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace.

Having begun and lived right at home all that would be necessary to constitute a prayer-meeting would be the assembl ng of ourselves together. A prayer-meeting signifies a coming together for prayer not to hear others pray, but to pray ourselves; to plead the promises of our sacrificed Redeemer in behalf of the needy souls. If the fervent effectual prayer of the righteous availeth much, then what we need is more of such prayer, and our cause will succeed, soul's will be saved and God will be glorified by our labors.

Remarks were made by Elders Marsh, Beachum and Cobb, and the report was adopted.

The committee on Army Colportage reported as follows, through Elder N. B. Cobb:

On the 1st of November, 1862, the N. C. Baptist State Convention organized a Board of Missions at Goldsboro to supervise the work of State missions and Foreign missions, and Army missions and Colportage. Feeling that the claims of our soldiers were paramount to all others, this board have been devoting most of the energies to the latter object and the Lord has abundantly blessed their labors in behalf of the army. Since Nov. 1st, 1863, they have given away to the soldiers in and from N. C., over 25,000 Bibles and Testaments, 15,000 camp Hymn Books, and nearly 2,000,000 pages of religious tracts. These have been distributed through our Missionaries, and the Chap-

tains of N. C. regiments and brigades, without regard to denomination. They have sent out since Nov. 1st, 32 Missionaries and Colporters and are now supplementing the salaries of all N. C. Baptist field Chaplains except one. So the N. C. soldiers are not only dependent upon this Board for their Testaments, Hymn books and tracts, but almost dependent upon their efforts for all the Baptist preaching which they hear from ministers of their own State.

The reports from all our Missionaries and Chaplains are of an encouraging character. Hundreds have professed conversion and scores have been added to the church under their preaching.

As this Board have no agent for the collection of funds except their Cor. Sec. and Genl. Sup. of Colportage, we would earnestly recommend to the churches the importance of sending up regular contributions to Goldsboro to aid in carrying on their work.

Pending the motion for the adoption of the report, an address was delivered by Elder Cobb, and a collection of $366 66, was made.

It was moved and agreed that the Clerk have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the money sent up by the churches will pay for after reserving $12 50 for himself. On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That it is in the opinion of this Association that the subscription price of the *Recorder* should be raised to such an amount as will make it self-sustaining.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Oxford and vicinity for the hospitality which they have extended to the members of this body, during its present session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Grassy Creek, Granville county. N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1865.

W. A. ATKINSON, Moderator.

E. DALEY, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Died by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Assoc. Fund.	Army Colp'e.	Convention.	Recorder for the Army.	Army Colportage by colored conv'n.	Navy and Army Missionary.
Mt. Zion,.....	J. B Hobgood J. Sherman, B D. Howard,....	19	2	0	2	3	123	$ 10 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Concord, ...	E. Hester, T. B. Lyon, Sr.,* J. M. Veazy,.....	0	0	3	1	3	107	10 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Tally Ho,.....	E J. Montague, F. M. Meadows, L. Hobgood, ..	15	0	1	0	1	76	10 00	$ 87 26	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Hester,.....	B. F. Hester, D. O. Frazier, J. Howard,.....	41	0	5	0	3	301	10 00	89 70	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Flat River Union,	J. Peed, W. Boling, H. Tilley,...	0	0	0	0	1	117	10 00	105 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Mt. Moriah,.....	H. S. Marcom,* C. G Strayhorn, S. F. Patterson,*	0	0	2	0	3	100	12 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
New Light, ...	S. Penny,* W. Laws,* P. S. Rogers,*.....	27	1	0	2	5	190	10 00	64 85	0 0	0 0	12 00	0 0
New Bethel,.....	W. A. Atkinson, D. Peed,*.....	68	4	2	0	4	254	10 00	100 63	0 0	0 0	0 0	82 00
Fellowship, ...	F. C. Rogers, W. Rogers,* J. P Beck,.....	0	0	0	0	2	77	5 00	54 70	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Tabb's Creek,....	W. Parham, C. Parham, A. C. Parham, ...	1	3	0	0	3	86	6 00	36 63	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Island Creek,....	S. Currin. B. W. Knott, J T. C. Norwood.....	15	3	0	2	4	227	7 00	65 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Corinth,.....	J. M. Howel, D. E. Babbitt,* J. W. Gordon,...	11	1	1	0	2	130	8 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Oxford,.....	W. Hunter,* T. T Grandy, J. H Mills,.....	50	5	6	3	2	142	15 0	0 0	110 00	177 90	0 0	0 0
Grassy Creek,....	T. J. Pittard, W. Davis, B. T. Winston,.....	41	6	4	4	31	299	15 35	168 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Olive Branch,....	C. A. Smith * H Stovall, J. F. Neal,*.....	2	3	4	0	4	232	10 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Bethel.....	S. S. Day, D. A Harris,* J. Chambers, ...	19	2	4	0	2	137	12 3	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Sandy Level.....	C. J. Rogers.* D. H. Forsyth,* J. H. Layton,*...	1	0	0	0	0	30	5 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Amis Chapel, ...	J. S. Overby.* E. N. Wilkerson,* R. Amis,.....	5	0	0	0	5	84	10 00	102 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Mt. Harmony,....	H. C. Sweney, R. J. Davis,*.....	3	1	0	0	1	47	5 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Antioch,.....	J W. Hamlet, A H. Lunsford,* R. Rhew,*.....	8	0	0	0	1	38	13 00	42 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Pleasant Grove,...	M L. Winston. J. R. Knight. W F. Freeman,*..	15	0	0	0	2	73	5 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Satterwhite, J. A. Watkins, L. Currin,.....	26	8	0	0	2	138	10 00	50 00	0 0	25 00	0 0	0 0
Poplar Creek,....	E. L. Parrish, L R. Parham, C. G. Patterson,...	22	1	0	0	1	63	10 00	25 00	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
26 Churches	Ex-Officio members—Elders W. H. Jordan, R. H Marsh, W. M. Wingate, T. J. Horner, E. F. Beachum, J. E. Montague, J. P. Montague. *Absent.	452	46	35	24	93	3068	$218 78	1949 77	$110 00	$202 00	$12 00	$82 00

A Table showing the Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices, and the time of Meeting of the Churches of the Association.

Churches	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Time of Church Meetings.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	John Sherman,	Berea, N. C.	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Concord,	. P. Montague,	E Dalby,	Tranquility, "	1st " " "
Tally Ho,	R. H. Marsh,	L. Hobgood,	Oxford, "	2nd " " "
Hester,	E. F. Beachum,	J. Howard,	Oxford, "	2nd " " "
Flat River Union,	W. A. Atkinson,	R. Peed,	Knap of Reeds, "	3rd " " "
Mt. Moriah,	P. G. Mason,	B. D. Rogers,	Chapel Hill, "	3rd " " "
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,	P. S. Rogers,	New Light, "	2nd " " "
New Bethel,	W. A. Atkinson,	W. S. Thompson,	Roger's Store, "	1st " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Atkinson,	J. P. Beck,	New Light, "	4th " " "
Tabb's Creek,	E. F. Beachum,	L. Parham,	Oxford, "	3rd " " "
Island Creek,	E. F. Beachum,	T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro', "	4th " " "
Corinth,	J. S. Purefoy,	J. T Howel,	Oxford, "	4th " " "
Oxford,	W. M. Wingate,	E. C Montague,	Oxford, "	2nd & 4th Sabb'h " "
Grassy Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	T. Hester,	Young's X R., "	4th Sabbath " "
Olive Branch,	T. J. Horner,	J. F. Neal,	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " "
Bethel,	F. M. Jordan,	W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill, "	2nd " " "
Sandy Level,	J. H. Layton,	C. J. Rogers,	Fish Dam, "	1st " " "
Amis Chapel,	R. H. Marsh,	R. Amis,	Buchanan, "	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony,	W E Oakley,	J. W. Townsend,	Centre Grove, "	2nd " " "
Antioch,	R. H. Marsh,	W. A. Barton,	Roxborough, "	Thursday before 3rd Sabbath.
Pleasant Grove,	J H Layton,	J W. Fuller,	Wilton, "	2nd Sabbath and Saturday before.
Mountain Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	A. Currin,	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " "
Poplar Creek,	E. F. Beachum,	E. L. Parrish,	Oxford, "	1st " " "

MINISTERS OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,
T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho,
James King,	Blue Wing,
Wm. H. Jordan,	Oxford,
E. F. Beacham,	Oxford,
R. H. Marsh,	Oak Hill,
J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho,
E. Hester,	Dutchville,
W. A. Atkinson,	Forestville,
Wm. S. Hobgood,	Fish Dam,
J. H. Layton	Rogers Store,
Wm. E. Oakley,	Berea.

LICENTIATE.

E. J. Montague,	Tally Ho.

MINUTES

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ELDER W. A. ATKINSON, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk*,.....Oxford, N. C.

E. C. MONTAGUE, *Treasurer*, Oxford, N. C.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
W. H. Jordan,	*Oxford*,
J. L. Carroll,	"
J. A. Stradley,	"
E. F. Beachum,	"
Jas. King,	*Blue Wing*,
T. J. Horner,	*Tally Ho*,
J. P. Montague,	"
E. J. Montague,	"
R I. Devin,	*Young's X Roads*,
J. E. Montague,	*Bethel Hill*,
W. A. Atkinson,	*Forestville*,
J. J. Lansdell,	*Knapp of Reeds*,
W. E. Oakley,	
J. H. Layton,	*Roger's Store*.

PROCEEDINGS.

HESTER'S M. H., Granville Co.,
August 11th, 1868.

Elder J. A, Stradley preached the Introductory sermon of the seventy-fifth session of the Flat River Association, from Haggai, 1 : 2.

After an intermission for refreshment the Association was called to order by the Moderator and engaged in prayer, led by Elder W. H. Jordan.

Letters from the churches were then read and in balloting for officers, Elder W. A. Atkinson was re-elected Moderator; B. F. Hester, Clerk; and E. C. Montague, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren, Elders J. H. Phillips of the Chowan Association, W. T. Walters, Cor. Sec. of State Mission Board, R. H. Marsh of the Sandy Creek Association, R. R. Overby, Agent of the Board of Trustees of W. F. College, A. F. Purefoy, Agent of Board of Education, and brother J. H. Mills of the Central Association accepted an invitation to sit with us.

Elder W. A. Atkinson attended the Central, and Elder J. A. Stradley and brethren W. H. Lawson and Thos. Street the Beulah Associations.

The Association renews its request that each of its members shall represent it at any Baptist Association at which he may be present.

Elder T. J. Horner and brethren J. W. Dalby and F. M. Meadows were appointed a committee of arrangements.

The Chair announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises, the Pastor and Deacons of the church.

On State Missions, Elders R. H. Marsh and W. H. Jordan and brother J. B. Hobgood.

On Periodicals, Elder J. A. Stradley and brethren J. H. Mills and E. C. Montague.

On Education, Elders A. F. Purefoy and R. R. Overby and brother W. T. Patterson.

On Sunday Schools, the Sunday School Board.

On Family Worship and Prayer Meetings, Elder W. T. Walters and brethren J. W. Currin and Jno. G. Morgan.

On Foreign Missions, Elder J. H. Phillips and brethren W. H. Lawson and Jno. Peed.

On Temperance, Elder J. P. Montague and brethren Jno. S. Overby and S. S. Hicks.

On motion, brethren J. B. Hobgood, J. W. Dalby and S. S. Hicks were appointed a committee to determine the place of meeting, and to select ministers to preach the stated sermons at the next session of the Association.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder T. J. Horner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After religious exercises conducted by Elder J. A. Stradley, the Association was called to order. Roll was called and proceedings of yesterday read.

On motion, Elder R. R. Overby was allowed to make some remarks relative to W. F. College.

Committee on order of business reported and the report was adopted.

The committee on State Missions make the following report:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee is pleased to state that there appears to be a very commendable spirit of liberality exhibited among the churches in behalf of this important work. Upwards of twenty missionaries are now under appointment, and there is reason to hope that the num-

ber will be increased and the work successfully prosecuted. The importance of continuing efforts in this field of labor appears:

1. From the command of Christ that "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, *beginning at Jerusalem.*" Home work then is the beginning work.

2. From the disorganized condition of our people, requiring the gospel more than any other means of building up our waste places.

3. From the influx of error.

4. From the necessity of securing to our own states its talent and piety.

We would therefore recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of all our churches as to one of the most important fields of christian labor.

During the warm and able discussion of the report, by Elders W. T. Walters, R. R. Overby, R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner and W. H. Jordan, a collection was made amounting to $59, 66 in cash, and it was then adopted.

The following report on Periodicals was offered:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

After all that has been said and written on this subject, there are many of our people lamentably ignorant of the instructing, refining and elevating influences of a good religious newspaper.

We are fully convinced of the fact that the amount spent for such a paper is worth more to a family, intellectually and religiously, than twice the sum spent in any other way.

We most cordially recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of our denomination in the State, edited and published in Raleigh, by Bro. J. H. Mills, at $3 per annum, as every way worthy of a place in every family.

We also recommend the "Home and Foreign Journal," the organ of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards of the Southern States.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STRADLEY, Chairman.

After remarks by Elders J. A. Stradley and R. R. Overby and brother E. Dalby, the Association called off for an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Discussion of report on Periodicals was resumed by Elder

R. I. Devin and continued by brethren J. B. Hobgood and J. H. Mills, after which it was adopted.

The committee on Education offered the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

There are eleven young ministers received by the Board of Education at Wake Forest College for the present session, and several applications have been made by others who could not be received for the want of funds, and besides a large number of young men are known to be called to the ministry who have made no application. If ample support was provided we doubt not that twenty, or even thirty, could soon be found ready to accept an education.

God has been faithful in calling them, but we have not been faithful to Him in aiding them to prepare for the work. The destitution is very great in our own State and the world at large far more needy of the word of life. We are commanded in the Bible to seek knowledge. The Apostle Paul, in writing to Timothy, a young minister said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth." Solomon said also, "Get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding."

Your committee would urge that every possible effort be made to discharge the duty of educating every young minister and thus prepare them for the noble work and the responsible duty imposed by our Lord's last commandment, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We further recommend that every effort be made to educate the rising generation, and thus prepare them for duty and elevation.

We would recommend Wake Forest College as being the best institution in the State, deserving and needing the patronage of the friends of education, and especially of the Baptist denomination.

We are also pleased to state that St. John's Female College has reopened with fair prospects of success, Rev. J. H. Phillips, Principal.

The report was received after remarks by Elders J. H. Phillips, A. F. Purefoy, T. J. Horner and R. R. Overby and brother J. H. Mills.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. P. Montague.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association engaged in religious exercises led by Elder R. I. Devin. Roll was called and minutes of yesterday read.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We believe that the changes which have transpired during the last few years have developed more fully than ever the necessity for Sabbath Schools. Sabbath breaking and all kinds of sins, together with all the ruinous isms of the day, are rapidly on the increase The most successful way to meet and overthrow these sins and isms is to store the minds of the youth of our country with the pure, teachings of the Bible.

We are glad to know that a few of our churches are alive to the importance of thus training the youth within their bounds. On the other hand, it is to be deeply regreted so many churches are doing but little or nothing in a work so essential to the salvation of the youth of our country and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Your committee is sorry to have to report again that not one dollar has been furnished them with which to procure such a supply of books as would meet the wants of our Sabbath Schools. We have procured books for a few schools from Raleigh and other places where we have been furnished with a list of needed books, accompanied with the cash.

We recommend this Association to co-operate with the "North Carolina Sabbath School Association," which contemplates co-operation with the Sabbath School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We recommend all the churches to subscribe for "Kind Words," the Sabbath School paper of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Memphis, Tenn., at the following rates: Single copy, fifty cents; fifteen or more te one address, twenty cents each.

We beg the Association to take some steps to furnish the committee with means to keep on hand needed Sunday School books, or else rescind the action of the Association creating a standing Sunday School committee.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. STRADLEY, Chairman.

After remarks by Elder R. I. Devin, J. A. Stradley, W. T. Walters and J. L. Carroll and J. P. Montague and brethren J. H. Mills, E. Dalby and F. M. Meadows the report was adopted.

On motion, the Sabbath School Board was discontinued.

On motion, the rules of order were suspended, and Elder W. T. Walters, the chairman, read the report on Family Worship and Prayer Meetings which was adopted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association it is the duty of every head of the family who has consecrated his life to Christ to establish and keep up family worship in his own household.

W. T. WALTERS,
G. W. CURRIN,
JNO. C. MORGAN,
} COMMITTEE.

The committee on Temperance read a report which after remarks by Elder J. A. Stradley and brother Jno. Peed, was rejected and the following resolution was adopted, the whole Association voting in the affirmative except brother John S. Overby.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association the manufacture, use and sale of spiritous liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes, is inconsistent with the character of an exemplary christian.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and after remarks by Elder J. L. Carroll was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Missions in China and Africa are in a highly prosperous condition. The whole Empire of China is now open to our Missionaries, and pressing appeals are even received to go forth into new fields of usefulness. The churches and schools are making good progress, the graces and gifts of the native members and Preachers are being developed, and as a people we are gaining a still firmer foothold among the masses. Though our work in Abeokuta, Africa, has been retarded of late by severe afflictions, the *cause in Africa is moving forward*.

A review of the past yields abundant proofs that the smiles of God rest upon our work. The seeds sown in tears have yielded richest fruits. It only remains for churches to gird themselves for the work.

While all abroad is encouraging, our contributions to this great work have not been as large as the circumstances have demanded.

We believe Christ commanded to "go into all the world and preach the gospel." We are proud of all our Missionaries. We have confidence in our Foreign Mission Board. What we need is system in our work of collection. While we hesitate, millions sink into eternal woe.

We would respectfully suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That every Pastor in this Association be earnestly requested to present this great work to the consideration of the people and take at least one collection a year for the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H PHILLIPS,
W. H. LAWSON,
J. PEED,
} COMMITTEE.

On motion, the Clerk of the Association is instructed to have printed in the minutes a blank comprehending the points on which it is desirable the churches shall report.

The committee to select a place for holding the next session of the Association, &c., report Flat River Union as the place and recommend that Elder T. J. Horner preach the Introductory and Elder J. L. Carroll the Conventional sermon.

The Association called off to hear the Conventional sermon which was preached by Elder W. H. Jordan, from the 44th verse of the 5th Chapter of Matthew.

A collection was then taken up for the various objects of the Convention amounting to——(not reported.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, the Association recommends Saturday before the second Sabbath in September as a day of fasting and prayer for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Executive Board through their Chairman, made a verbal report which was adopted, and on motion the Association abolished the Board.

The following was offered and adopted as the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee,		$49 15
Paid to Clerk,	$10 00	
" for printing minutes,	39 15	
	$49 15	

E. C. MONTAGUE, Treas.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Elders W. H. Jordan and T. J. Horner and brother J. B. Hobgood delegates to the Convention.

The following was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind entertainment during the session of this Association.

On motion the clerk is allowed ten dollars for his services and is instructed to apply the remaining funds to the publication of minutes.

After remarks by the Moderator and prayer by Elder W. H. Jordan the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Flat River Union on Tuesday after 2nd Sunday in August, 1869.

W. A. ATKINSON, Moderator.

B. F. HESTER, Clerk.

A TABLE,

Showing the Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices, and the time of meeting of the Churches of the Association.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	TIME OF PREACHING AT CHURCHES.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	B. D. Howard,	Tar River,	1st Sabbath and Saturday before,
Concord,	J. J. Lansdell,	Benj. Wheeler,	Dutchville,	" " " " "
Tally Ho,	T. J. Horner,	L. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2nd " " " "
Hester's,	E. F. Beachum,	Joseph Howard,	Oxford,	2nd " " " " and 4th Sab.
Flat River Union,	W. A. Atkinson,	W. H. Peed,	Knap of Reeds,	3rd " " " "
Mt. Moriah,	G. W. Purefoy,	W. T. Patterson,	Chapel Hill,	4th " " " "
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,	John Norwood,	New Light,	2nd " " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Atkinson,	T. H. Perry,	New Light,	4th " " " "
Tabb's Creek,	J. L. Carroll,	W. A. Parham,	Oxford,	2nd " " " "
Island Creek,	E. F. Beachum,	J. T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro,	1st " " " "
Corinth,	J. S. Purefoy,	John T. Howell,	Oxford,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	J. L. Carroll,	E. C. Montague,	Oxford,	1st " " " " and 3rd Sab.
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Thos. Hester,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " " " and 2nd Sab.
Olive Branch,	E. F. Beachum,	S. C. Humphries,	Blue Wing,	3rd " " " "
Bethel,	J. A. Stradley,	W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill,	2nd " " " "
Sandy Level,				
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	W. Overby,	Buchanan,	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	J. W. Townsend,	Center Grove,	2nd " " " "
Antioch,	J. A. Stradley,	H. A. Reams,	Roxboro,	3rd " " " "
Pleasant Grove,	J. J. Lansdell,	J. W. Fuller,	Wilton,	2nd " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	P. Blackwell,	Oak Hill,	3rd " " " " and 1st Sab.
Poplar Creek,	J. L. Carroll,	J. L. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Asso'n Fund.
Mt. Zion,	J. B. Hobgood, William Mize, Abraham Slaughter,	3	1		1	2	1	138	$ 2 50
Concord,	J. W. Dalby, M. H. Suit, Ed. Dalby,	35	3		2	3	1	149	2 00
Tally Ho,	E. J. Montague, W. H. Thomason, F. M. Meadows,	10	3		2	2		102	1 50
Hester's,	Joseph Howard, J. W. Currin, B. F. Hester,		1	2	17	17		212	3 00
Flat River Union,	J. P. Montague, G. W. Wheeler, John Peed,				2	3		167	2 00
Mt. Moriah,	C. G. Marcom, W. A. Maddry, W. T. Patterson,	5	3		3		2	133	2 00
New Light,	B. Nipper, Allen Bailey, D. A. Ray,	30	1		3		1	194	2 00
Fellowship,	R. E. Weathers,* J. W. Kemp,* J. H. Rogers,*	20	4		1	1		92	1 00
Tabb's Creek,	C. W. Parham, A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham,	2			1	1		44	1 00
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, Jas. S. Norwood, D. W. Knott,	19	6		2	2	1	265	2 00
Corinth,	Jno. W. Gordon, J. H. Bobbitt, T. J. Brummett,	3	1			2	2	156	1 50
Oxford,	W. R. Beasley, W. S. Grandy, E. C. Montague,		2		6	1		67	3 00
Grassy Creek,	B. T. Winston, T. Y. Harrison, T. J. Pittard,	5	4	2	15	6	4	307	2 75
Olive Branch,	H. Stovall, Thos. Bumpass,* Thos. Street,	2	1		2	3		167	3 00
Bethel,	W. H. Lawson, J. D. Woody,* C. H. Pulliam,				13	2	1	73	2 50
Sandy Level,									
Amis' Chapel,	Lewis Garner, J. S. Overby, John Amis,				8	1	1	97	2 00
Mt. Harmony,					1	1	1	40	1 00
Antioch,	A. H. Lunsford, H. A. Reams, J. M. Burton,	3	2		2	1		44	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	C. F. Reams, C. Winston, M. L. Winston,		1		5	2		75	1 50
Mountain Creek,	W. Eaks, B. D. Frazier, Henry Hester,		1	1	5	1	3	174	5 00
Poplar Creek,	Jno. H. Wright, S. S. Hicks, G. W. Wright,	4			4	4	1	88	2 00
	*Absent.	141	34	5	95	55	19	2784	$45 25

Form of Tables to be used by the Clerks of Churches, and Supt's. of Sunday Schools.

Statistical Table of ..... Church. ..... Clerk.

Location.	Time of Meeting.	Pastors.	Pastor's Residence	Clerk's Residence	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male.	Female.	Total.

Contributions of ..... Church.

Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	S. School Board State N C	Printing Minutes.	Religious Papers taken.	Miscellaneous.

Sunday School of ..... Church ..... Supt.

Teachers.	Scholars.	Male.	Female.	Meets.	What part of year.	Superintendents.	Post office of Supt.	No. verses Scripture recited.	Scholars professed religion past year.	Copies of Kind Words taken.	Vols. in Library.	Col'tions	Remarks.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, August 24th, 1869.

The Introductory Sermon of the Seventy-sixth Session of the Flat River Association was preached by Elder W. M. Wingate, D. D., from the 36th verse of xixth chapter of Acts: "Apathy and false security, resulting from an over-estimation of our strength." After which took a recess of half an hour.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by Elder W. A. Atkinson, the Moderator, and engaged in prayer, led by J. L. Carroll.

Letters from the Churches were called for and read. A balloting for officers resulted in the election of Elder R. H. Marsh, Moderator; B. F. Hester, Clerk; and E. C. Montague, Treasurer.

An invitation to visiting brethren to sit with us was accepted by Elder W. M. Wingate, D. D., representative of Wake Forest College; Brother B. W. Justice, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Association of North Carolina; J. H. Mills, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Brethren Dudley Peed, and R. S. Prichard, of the Central; and A. P. Stroud, of the Beulah Association.

Elder J. S. Carroll had attended the Eastern; S. S. Hicks, the Central; and Brother J. W. Dalby, the Sandy Creek Associations. All were kindly received.

The Association continues the request that each of its members shall represent it in any Baptist Association at which he may be present.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On Religious Exercises.–The Pastor and Deacons of the Church.

On State Missions.—Elder J. L. Carroll, and Brethren J. W. Currin and E. Dalby.

On Periodicals.—W. M. Wingate, D. D., and Brethren S. S. Hicks and W. T. Patterson.

On Education.—Brethren J. H. Mills, L. F. Elliott and B. D. Howard.

On Sunday Schools.—Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren H. C. Sweeny and G. W. Duncan.

On Family Worship.—Elder W. A. Atkinson, and Brethren G. W. Pittard and John A. Watkins.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder E. F. Beachum, and Brethren J. T. C. Norwood and D. E. Bobbitt.

On Temperance.—Eld. J. E. Montague, and Brethren W. R. Beasly and E. H. Jones.

On time and place of the next meeting of the Association, Brethren H. J. Hester, A. M. Veazy and E. J. Montague.

Mt. Calvary, a newly constituted Church, presenting a letter and a petition of admission into this body, was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to its delegates.

Mt. Moriah Church by its request was dismissed from this body to unite with an Association to be formed.

After prayer by Elder W. A. Atkinson, the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9½ O'clock.

The Association met and after singing and prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley, was called to order. Roll called and the proceedings of yesterday read.

On motion, a Committee on Systematic Benevolence was appointed consisting of B. W. Justice, and Elders W. M. Wingate and J. A. Stradley.

The Committee on the Order of Business, offered a report which was adopted.

The Committee offered the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee would recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as the organ of the Baptists of the State.

We need this paper for the dissemination of religious intelligence.

We need it for the defence and propagation of our principles.

We need it to organize us, to systematize and concentrate our labors for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

We need it to stimulate us, to quicken our zeal, and inspire us to emulate each other in every good word and work.

But in order to reach these important ends, our paper must be widely *circulated*.

The larger the congregation for this weekly preacher, the stronger his voice, and the more weighty his influence. And your Committee express earnestly their conviction that one of the most potent instrumentalities for good is a well conducted religious paper. We therefore, urgently press the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*.

We also recommend as efficient aids in the Sunday School work, "Kind Words," "Child's Delight," and "Sunday School Banner;" and the "Home and Foreign Journal" in the interests of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W M. WINGATE,
SAMUEL S. HICKS, } Com.
W. T. PATTERSON.

Which after remarks by Elders J. J. Landsdell, W. M. Wingate, D. D., T. J. Horner and W. H. Jordan, and Brethren J. H. Mills, E. Dalby, B. W. Justice and D. H. Forsythe was adopted.

The following was offered as the :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In view of the growing importance of this department of Christian labor, we offer the following:

Resolved, That this Association regards itself as fully committed to the work of State Missions, and that we will do all in our power as Churches and individual Christians to supply the destitute portions of our State with the gospel as held by Baptists.

J. L. CARROLL, CHAIRMAN.

On which remarks were made by Elders J. L. Carroll, T. J. Horner, J. A. Stradley and W. M. Wingate, and Brethren J. H. Mills and B. W. Justice. Pending the discussion, the Association suspended for an hour.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The discussion of the Report on State Missions was resumed by Brother J. H. Mills—continued by Elders T. J. Horner, W. M. Wingate, W. H. Jordan, and Brethren E. Dalby and B. W. Justice, after which it was adopted.

After remarks by Elders W. M. Wingate, J. J. Lansdell, and J. L. Carroll and Brother D. H. Forsythe, the following report was laid on the table till to-morrow 10 o'clock:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The educated man is one whose head has been trained to accurate and just decisions, whose hands have acquired skill in the duties demanded of them, and whose heart is ready for every good work.—Men of wealth should educate their sons and daughters in order that they may use wisely the property inherited, that they may discreetly fill the positions assigned them, and efficiently perform all the duties devolving upon them. Men without wealth should especially and thoroughly educate their children, because their sons and daughters,

deprived of the means of travel and of leisure for reading, will be dependent mainly on their education for usefulness and advancement in life. If these shall grow up in ignorance, many sorrows in manhood, will lead them to lament their opportunities of improvement neglected in youth.

Especially should public instructors be themselves thoroughly instructed. The minister of the gospel should be "a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We therefore commend to public favor all our schools for the edution of youth, and especially the school of Elder Horner, at Tally Ho, and that of the presiding officer of this body at Oxford.

Wake Forest College offers ample facilities for a thorough education, and throws around the young many influences tending to the refinement of manners and the improvement of morals.

At this institution we have a number of pious and promising young ministers preparing for greater usefulness in the work of preaching the gospel.

Contributions for their support are now needed, and their wants should be promptly supplied.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H MILLS,
B. D. HOWARD,
L. F. ELLIOTT.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and Elder J. L. Carroll introduced the following:

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, R. B. Jones, died in the midst of arduous labors for the promotion of our cause, leaving his young orphan children destitute of the means of education. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association undertake to defray the expenses of the education of his daughter, Mattie, while she remains a pupil at St. John's College.

The resolution was advocated by Elders Carroll, Lansdell, Stradley, and Brethren Hobgood and Forsythe.

On motion, the Churches were called and the following amounts were pledged by their delegates:

Mt. Zion, $15; Hester's, $10; Tally Ho, $10, Tabb's Creek, $10: Island Creek, $10: Oxford. $15; Olive Branch, $5; Amis' Chapel, $10: Mountain Creek, $5.

The following amounts were contributed by individuals:

Elder W. H. Jordan, $1.00; H. C, Sweeney, $1.00; Maj, B Vaughn, $5 and W. M. Wingate, D. D., $5 pd,

On motion, Elder J. A. Stradley was appointed agent to receive and disburse the funds contributed for the support of Miss Mattie Jones, and to report to the next session of the Association.—Adjourned till 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning—Deacon A. W. Veazey leading in prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises, led by Elder R. S. Prichard the roll was called and proceedings of yesterday read.

On motion, unfinished business was taken up, it being the report on Education. The report was adopted.

The following was offered by the Committee :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following :

We rejoice in the fact that the efforts to train children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" are now more general and earnest in the bounds of this Association than ever before ; we rejoice also to know that the Lord is blessing these efforts, and that many more children are now converted than used to be.

We recommend parents and Sunday School teachers to labor more earnestly and prayerfully to teach children that they are sinners, and that Jesus is able, ready and willing to save them.

But though so much more Sunday School work is now being done than once was, still, perhaps, more than half that should be done has never yet been undertaken. Many of our brethren and sisters who might be eminently useful in this department of christian labor, are now idlers in the Lord's vineyard ; and in consequence of this idleness and indifference, many children that ought to be trained for Jesus are growing up in sin and ignorance.

Desiring to advance the Sunday School cause in this Association, we suggest the propriety of holding seve al Sunday School meetings during the year, at different localities, in order that we may be instructed and encouraged in this good work.

J. A. STRADLEY, }
H. C. SWEENEY, } Com.
G. W. DUNCAN. }

Remarks were made by Brother B. W. Justice, Elders Stradley, Jordan, Beachum and Oakly, and Brother H. C. Sweeny when the Association suspended to hear the Missionary Sermon, preached by Elder J. L. Carroll, from 2nd Chronicles, last chapter and part of the fifth verse. Subject : Consecration. After which a collection was taken up, amounting to $10.25.

AFTERNOON.

Resumed the consideration of the report on Sunday Schools, which after further discussion, was adopted.

The Committee determined the time and place of the next meeting, &c.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your Commitee recommend Bethel Church, Person County, as the place, and Tuesday after the 4th Sabbath in August, 1870, as the time

for the next meeting of this Association. Elder R. Devin to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. J. Lansdell, the Associational Sermon.

E. J. MONTAGUE,
A. M. VEAZEY, } Com.
H. J. HESTER.

Report adopted.

The following is offered and adopted as the Report on Family Worship :

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

Whereas, the duty of family worship is of great importance, it is the opinion of your committee that each pastor be requested to preach at least one sermon each year on the subject enforcing the duty of family religion.

W. A. ATKINSON,
G. W. PITTARD, } Com.
J. A. WATKINS,

The following is the Report on Temperance :

REPORT ON TFMPERANCE.

It is a lamentable fact that all the organizations by christians, and others to stay the progress of intemperance in our land have failed in accomplishing the desired end. And the soul-destroying evil is still abroad in our midst.

Resolved, therefore, that we reccommend the churches of this Association to exert all their influence to stop this reigning sin.

J. E. MONTAGUE.
W. R. BEASLEY. } Com.
E. H. JONES.

Adopted.

The Committee offered the following :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee wish to submit the following: This report is designed to direct our attention to a class less fortunate than ourselves—to the salvation of the heathen. It is with great difficulty that we can keep up our Missions in Foreign lands. Our Missionaries in Africa, Elders Phillips and Stone have not been sustained, and have abandoned our only Mission station on that large continent so given to idolatry, and are now in this country.

Elders Crawford, Graves, Hartwell and Yates are laboring with encouragement in China, but receive a scanty support.

The Shanghai Missions must be speedily aided or inevitably abandoned, and if so, Dr. Yates, the gifted speaker of the Chinese language a man celebrated for his learning and piety, must forsake his field of usefulness, or be sustained by some other Board.

We have received the great commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and are we not bound to use every effort to carry out this injunction of our Master? If these idolators are inclined to forsake the gods which they have made with their own hands, and seek the true God, should we not encourage them? And if the Macedonian cry comes to us for the bread of life, shall we deny them?

E. F. BEACHUM, } Com.
J. T. C. NORWOOD.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Systematic Benevolence, respectfully submit the following report:

We are clearly of the opinion that the plan of making weekly contributions to charitable purposes has Scripture warrant. We also believe this plan to be the most successful one, as most can be done by enlisting the largest number. It also possesses the advantage of training up the young to habits of benevolence. We therefore earnestly urge upon all the churches of this Association the importance of adopting at once some plan of contributing, at regular, stated periods to the various objects of the Baptist State Convention.

B. W. JUSTICE Ch'm.

Adopted.

On motion, the Sunday School Asssociation is requested to appoint a Sunday School Colporteur within the bounds of this Association.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Elders J. L. Carroll, J. A. Stradley, and W. H. Jordan, and Brother B. F. Hester, as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Brother E. Dalby offered the following:

WHEREAS, By a change of the Constitution of this Association in the year 1863, of the Article which made it the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the Association in a book which was kept for that purpose,

Therefore Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to furnish the Clerk with a suitable book, (Record) and the Clerk be required to record the proceedings of the Association since 1863, and continue to record the proceedings of the Association.

The Resolution was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to have Constitution and Laws of the Association published with the Minutes.

On motion, Clerk allowed $10 for his services, and is instructed to apply the remaining funds to the publication of the Minutes.

The following was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind entertainment during the session of this Association.

The following was offered and adopted as the Treasurer's Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. C. MONTAGUE, in Account with the Flat River Association, Dr.

To sundry amounts received, from August 11th, 1868 to August 26th, 1869.

Aug. 11, 1868.	To Amount from Churches for Incidental Expenses,	$ 45 25
" " "	" Cash received of Oxford Church,	44 75
" " "	" " " Sunday School,	10 00
" " "	" " " " Mountain Creek Church,	10 00
" " "	" " " " Bethel Church,	2 90
" " "	" " " " Grassy Creek Church,	22 85
" " "	" " " " Concord Church,	25 00
Aug 26, 1869.	By Public Collection at Association,	10 25
" " "	" Delegates for Incidental Expenses,	43 15
		$ 314 15

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Aug. 13, 1868.	Cash paid Clerk for services,	$ 10 00
" " "	" " for Printing Minutes,	35 25
Nov'r, "	Paid the S. S. Board of the S B. Convention, by T. B. Kingbury,	20 00
Aug. 26, 1869.	Paid to State Missions, by Dr Wingate,	23 03¼
" " "	" " Foreign " " " "	33 08¼
" " "	" " Education, " " "	49 63¼
" " "	" " Clerk for Services, " "	10 00
" " "	" For Record Book,	1 25
October, "	" " Printing Minutes,	30 40
" "	" " Express Freight on Minutes,	1 00
" "	" " For Postage on MSS. and Minutes,	50
		$ 214 15

After prayer by Elder R. H. Marsh, and the singing of an appropriate hymn by the congregation and delegates, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Church at Bethel, on Tuesday, after the fourth Sunday in August, 1870.

R. H. MARSH, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

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Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	B. D. Howard	Oxford	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Concord	J. J. Lansdell	Benjamin Wheeler	Dutchville	" " " " "
Tally Ho	T. J. Horner	L. Hobgood	Oxford	2d " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Jos. Howard	Oxford	2d " " " "
Flat River Union	W. A. Atkinson	W. H Peed	Knapp of Reeds	3d " " " "
New Light	W. A. Atkinson	John Norwood	New Light	2d " " " "
Fellowship	W. A. Atkinson	T. H. Perry	New Light	4th " " " "
Tabb's Creek	J. L. Carroll	W. A. Parham	Oxford	3d " " " "
Island Creek	E. F Beachum	J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro'	1st " " " "
Corinth	J. S Purefoy	D. E. Bobbitt	Brookville	4th " " " "
Oxford	R. H. Marsh	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1st and 3d Sundays.
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	B T. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th Sunday and Saturday before, and 2d Sunday.
Olive Branch	E. F. Beachum	S. C. Humphries	Blue Wing	3d " " " "
Bethel	J. A. Stradley	W. H. Laws n	Bethel Hill	2d " " " "
Sandy Level				
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	R. Amis	Buchanan	1s Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Harmony	E. J. Montague	H. C. Sweeny	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " " " and 4th Sunday.
Antioch	J. A. Stradley	H. A. Reams	Roxboro'	3d " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Layton	J. W. Fuller	Wilton	2d " " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	P. Blackwell	Oak Hill	3d " " " " and 1st Sunday.
Poplar Creek	J. A. Stradley	G. W. Wright	Henderson	4th " " " "
Mt Calvary	J. H. Layton	W. H. Holloway		4th " " " "

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec. by let.	Restored.	Dis. by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.
Mt. Zion,	E. H. Jones, Spencer O'Brian, B. D. Howard,	....	..	..	5	6	..	128	$ 2 00
Concord,	T. B. Lyon, E. Dalby, Jackson Vaughn,	8	..	..	4	1	1	153	2 50
Tally Ho,	G W. Duncan, W T Hunt, Henry Ellington,	5	..	2	2	1	1	98	1 50
Hester's,	J. W. Currin, B. F. Hester, F. B. Hester,*	23	7	1	12	7	..	224	3 00
Flat River Union,	J P. Montague, John Nance, Thomas Green,	9	3	..	2	..	1	....	2 00
Mt. Moriah,	Abel Maddrie,* H. S. Marcom,* W T. Patterson,	15	2	..	2	3	..	143	2 00
New Light,	William Laws,* J. Z. Allen, H. C. Ray,	6	1	..	3	4	..	212	2 00
Fellowship,	T. H. Perry, W. J. Mangum, G. T. Price	1	..	..	1	..	..	90	1 00
Tabb's Creek,	C. W. Parham,	1	2	..	3	..	..	38	1 00
Island Creek,	E. F. Beachum, R. B. Morgan, J. T. C. Norwood,	34	3	1	1	5	1	289	2 00
Corinth	D. E. Bobbitt, S. Tipett,* C B Hester,	....	..	..	7	..	1	149	1 50
Oxford,	W. R. Beasley, J. G. Jones, E. C. Montague,	....	5	..	4	1	..	77	3 00
Grassy Creek,	G W. Pittard. J. G. Elam, B. T. Winston,*	15	10	..	11	34	6	285	2 15
Olive Branch,	J. P. Stoval,* J. G. Norwood, W. T. Humphries,*	12	..	..	8	3	3	159	2 00
Bethel,	W. H. Lawson, D. A. Harris,* Ruffin Woody,*	3	2	..	6	4	2	66	2 00
Sandy Level,	Abner Fletcher, D. C. Glenn,* D. H. Forsythe	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	1 00
Amis' Chapel,	John Amis,* W. L. Poole, Charles S. Chandler,*	....	1	..	7	4	..	88	1 50
Mt. Harmony,	H. C. Sweeney, J. W. Philpot,* Thomas Climer,	6	3	..	..	..	..	41	1 00
Antioch,	R. Rhud, James Yancey, J. T. Denny,*	10	4	..	2	3	1	50	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	C. F. Reams,* J R. Knight, Willie Rogers,	....	..	..	7	..	..	66	1 50
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins, H. J. Hester, L. F. Elliott,	33	2	..	8	2	1	214	3 00
Poplar Creek,	S. S. Hicks, H. Barnes, J. D. Parham,	1	..	..	1	1	1	88	2 00
Mt. Calvary,	Alex. Colclough, James Olmstead, J. G. Ferrill,	64	9	..	1	..	2	74	1 50
	* Absent.	246	54	4	87	79	21	2732	$43 15

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Elder R. H. MARSH, Moderator.

B. F. Hester, Clerk, Ovford, N. C.

E. C. Montague, Treasurer, Oxford, N. C.

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MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
J. L. Carroll,	Forestville.
R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads.
E. F. Beachum,	Oxford.
T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho.
W. H. Jordan,	Oxford.
J. A. Stradley,	Oxford
James King,	Blue Wing.
J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill.
E. J. Montague,	Center Grove.
J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho.
W. A. Atkinson,	Forestville.
J. J. Lansdell,	Knapp of Reeds,
W E. Oakly,	Roxboro'.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BETHEL, PERSON CO. N. C.,

AUGUST 30–31, and SEPTEMBER 1, 1870.

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RIDGEWAY, N. C.:

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PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL, August 30, 1870.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock.

Elder R. J. Devin preached the introductory sermon from 2 Corinthians, 8: 9.

After an intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by Eld. R. H. Marsh, the former Moderator, and lead in prayer by Elder T. J. Horner.

Letters from the churches were read; delegates enrolled, and officers elected, to wit: Elder R. H. Marsh, Moderator; J. J. Lansdell, Clerk; and F. C. Montague, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the invitation responded to by Elder W. L. Fitcher, general evangelist for the State; Dr. Haynie, and Eld. J. K. Faulkner, Dan River Association; and J. H. Mills, Editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Brother D. A. Harris reported that he had visited the Dan River Association since our last meeting, and was received by that body as a messenger from this Association.

The following committees were then appointed:

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—W. L. Fitcher, Wm. Jones, E. N. Wilkerson.

ON STATE MISSIONS.—J. H. Mills, R. J. Davis, J. W. Philpott.

ON EDUCATION.—T. J. Horner, G. W. Watkins, H. A. Reams.

ON PERIODICALS.—R. J. Davin, W. W. Humphries, G. W. Pittard.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—E. J. Montague. J. W. Pittard.

ON TEMPERANCE.—J. E. Montague, J. B. Hobgood, E. Dalby.

Elder T. J. Horner preached at the stand at 11 o'clock, and Elder Fitcher, at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 1.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the Moderator, and lead in prayer by Elder Devin.

The consideration of the report on State Missions was resumed, the subject discussed by D. A. Harris and W. L. Fitcher, and the report adopted. (See reports, letter G.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, the subject was discussed by Elders Stradley and Faulkner, and the report adopted. (See reports, letter H.)

The Committee to select preachers to preach the annual sermons for the next session reported: Elder E. F. Beachum, introductory, and Elder J. A. Stradley, Missionary Sermon. Report adopted.

E. F. Beachum, D. A. Harris and A. M. Veazey, were appointed delegates to represent the Association in the next annual session of the Baptist State Convention, to be held with he church in Raleigh, commencing Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1870.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the churches be and they are hereby requested to appoint delegates to represent them in the Baptist State Convention, according to the amount of money contributed by them to the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That the churches are hereby requested to report in their annual letters to the Association, the whole amount of money contributed by them to the various objects of christian benevolence.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind entertainment during the session of this Association.

After a short recess, the Association assembled with the congregation at the stand, at 1 o'clock, to listen to the Conven-

tional sermon, which was delivered by Elder J. J. Lansdell, on the subject of Christian Liberality, from 1 John, 3: 17.

After which the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Mount Zion on Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 11 o'clock, 1871. Benediction by Elder R. H. Marsh.

R. H. MARSH, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

[A]

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We regard a good religious newspaper indispensible to the Baptists in North Carolina.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is preeminently worthy of the patronage of our Association. It ought to be a welcome visitor to every Baptist family in the State, and actively supported by every lover of the South. We also recommend "Kind Words," "Child's Delight," and the "Home and Foreign Journal," to the churches and Sunday Schools of our Association.

G. W. PITTARD,
R. I. DEVIN,
W. W. HUMPHRIES. } Com.

[B]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The success of the work of Foreign Missions for the past several years is cause of thankfulness for the goodness of God.

The board is now out of debt, and our prospects for the future are brightening.

Our missionaries in China have been blessed with much success. They have baptized quite a number. Elder Phillips expects to renew his labors in Africa in October, Elder Graves expects to labor with the Chinese in California.

Elder Cote has been sent to France, and the board is proposing to send missionaries among the Irish and Germans. Let us pray for greater prosperity and increase our contributions to this object.

We recommend to the churches the *Home and Foreign Journal.*

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. FITCHER, Chairman.

[C]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We beg leave to report that intemperance is an evil that has but few equals; if we consider it morally, socially, or intellectually, its effects are really direful. We regret to say that it is becoming more common for church members to make and use ardent spirits, than in former times.

Resolved, Therefore, that the churches of this association use their best efforts to stay the progress of intemperance. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MONTAGUE.

[D]
REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The time has come when parents must educate their sons and daughters. The time was when wealth gave its possessor a passport in society; but it is so no longer. Now our success in life depends on the mind. It is evidently the duty of parents to arm their children for conflict of life. Your committee would respectfully call the attention of the Association to the ample facilities of obtaining a thorough education at Wake Forest College, and, for young ladies, we respectfully call attention to our School located in Raleigh, the Capital of the State, under the care of Prof. Royall, formily of Wake Forest. Respectfully.

T. J. HORNER,
G. W. WATKINS, } Com.
H. A. REAMS,

It is also ordered by the Association that the school at Tally Ho, under the supervision of Elder T. J. Horner be recommended to the patronage of our brethren.

[E]
REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

The christian is exhorted to pray without ceasing, and in everything to give thanks. We believe it is the duty of every christian, man or woman, who is the head of a family to keep up family worship. We believe that no family can be properly raised where this duty is neglected. Daily prayer should be offered in every family, together with earnest religious instruction.

We believe it is the duty of every church to keep up a prayer meeting; and that it is the duty of every member of each church to attend these meetings, if possible; and that it is the duty of all male members, with but few exceptions, to pray in these meetings. Without such meetings, there will be but little Spirituality, efficiency or prosperity in a church. Respectfully submitted,

J. A STRADLEY,
D. G. GOOCH, } Com.
F. M. MEADOWS,

[F]

Having been appointed by this Association, at its last session to receive and disburse the funds raised for the education of Mattie Jones, while she remained at St. John's College, in Oxford; I would submit the following report.

Miss Jones remained at said College, but one session, during which time her expenses were as follows:

Board,	$45,00
Tuition in literary department,	20,00
" Musical department,	25,00
Books &c,	3,75
Room rent, fuel, lights,	10,00
Total,	$103,75

Received towards these expenses:

Of Elder W. H. Jordan,	$ 1,00

" " W. M. Wingate,	$ 5,00
" " W. T. Morgan,	50
" Mountain Creek Ch.	5,00
" Mt. Zion Ch.	11,75
" Hester's Church,	22,00
" Oxford Church,	15,00
" Olive Branch Church,	5,00
" Island Creek Church,	10,00
" Mrs. Crawford, by tuition in music,	25,00
Total,	$100,25

Paid out of the above as follows:

For school books,	$ 1,75
" Mending shoes,	75
" Washing,	1,25
" Board,	45,00
" Tuition in Literary department,	20,00
" " Musical department,	25,00
" Room rent, fuel, lights,	6,50
	$100,25
Whole expense,	$103,75
Amount received and paid out,	$100,25
Balance due,	$ 3,50

J. A. STRADLEY.

[G]
STATE MISSIONS

At the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention, the Board of State Missions was instructed to assist the churches at High Point and Thomasville. These churches are still in need of assistance. There are also many points in our State where the gospel is not preached and at which missionaries might be sustained at small expense. Christain churches owe the gospel to all mankind. He, who freely gives us all things requires of us frequent donations to his cause. He, who sacrificed himself for us, demands of us some sacrifice for the extension of his kingdom in the earth.

J. H. MILLS,
RUFFIN WOODY, } Com

[H]
REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We are glad to know that the churches in the bounds of our Association have awakened to some extent to the great Sunday school work. We think also that the Association should, and we earnestly suggest that the churches composing our body press forward the great work with still greater energy than they have in the past year.

We think there is no better cause in which our brethren and sisters could engage, nor any better way that they could spend their Sabbaths, than in teaching

and explaining the Scriptures to the young; and that there is nothing more calculated to prepare us to withstand the temptations to which we are exposed through the week, than the Sunday School work. We would therefore encourage the brethren to greater effort in this great and good work.

J. W. PITTARD, Com.

A TABLE

Showing the amount of Contributions to the various objects of Christian Benevolence.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Church Buildings.	Gen. Benevolence.	Education.	Incd'tl. Expenses.
Amis' Chapel,					14 55		
Antioch.					13 00		
Bethel,					5 35		
Grassy Creek,	225 00				20 05		
Hester's	150 00	36 47	3 00	300 00		12 75	15 00
Mountain Creek,					23 50		
Mt. Zion,		10 75	2 25			17 00	
Oxford,	400 00	9 50	4 75			12 00	284 40
Poplar Creek,					8 80		

NOTE.—Churches reporting money simply "for the objects of the Convention," or "for missions," their contributions are placed under the head of "General Benevolence." Island Creek, Mountain Creek, Tabb's Creek, Poplar Creek, Oxford, Mt. Zion, Hester's, Grassy Creek, Corinth, Bethel, Amis' Chapel, Antioch, report Sabbath Schools, but not all in such form as to enable me to make out a statistical table. CLERK.

NOTE.—The minutes are apportioned to the churches according to the money sent up by each church. If any of the churches want more of the minutes in the future, they must send up more money. CLERK.

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Showing the Pastors, Clerks, and their Post Offices, at the time of meeting of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O. OF PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O. OF CLERKS.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	R. Amis,	Buchanan	1st Sabbath, and Saturday before.
Antioch,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	H. A Reams,	Roxboro'.	3rd " " "
Bethel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill.	2nd " " "
Concord,	J. J. Lansdell,	Knap of Reeds,	D. Vaughan,	Dutchville.	1st " " "
Corinth,	J. F. Purefoy, *	Forestville,	D. E. Bobbitt,	Brookville.	4th " " "
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Grassy Creek,	R. J. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads.	4th Sab. and Sat. before and 2d Sab
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	Jos. Howard,	Oxford.	2nd Sabbath and Saturday before.
Island Creek,	E. F. Beachum, *	Williamsboro',	J. T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro'.	1st " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	T. J. Montague,		
Mt. Calvary,	J. H. Layton, *		W. H. Holloway,	Fish Dam.	3rd " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. J. Devin,		P. Blackwell,	Oak Hill.	1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Center Grove,	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah.	2nd Sabbath.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho,	Isaac N. Day,		1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,*	Forestville,	John Norwood,	New Light.	2nd " " "
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Sandy Level,					
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Amis' Chapel,	E. N. Wilkerson, J. H. Overby, G. W. Pool.	10	6		3	1	2	96	$2 00
Antioch,	H. A. Reams, R. Rheu, R. B. Trimm.	2			2	1		49	2 00
Bethel,	R. Woody, D. A. Harris, W. Jones.	25	4	2	5	2		92	1 50
Concord,	E. Dalby, D. Vaughan, E. C. Coley.*	6			3	1	1	144	2 50
Corinth,	J. W. Pittard, S. Tippett,* J. Bobbitt.*	1	1					159	1 50
Fellowship,	R. O. Weathers,* J. W. Kemp,* J. H. Rogers.*							90	1 00
Flat River Union,	J. P. Montague,* J. Peed,* W. H. Peed.*				3		1	167	2 00
Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard, E. J. Ragsdale, D. Harris.	44	3		22	3	4	302	2 30
Hester's	J. D. Knott,* T. Hester, J. B. Hobgood.		4		8	4	3	178	3 00
Island Creek,	J. T. C. Norwood, C. G. Harris,* N. A. Norwood.*	2	3		3	1	2	90	2 00
Mt Calvary,	A. W. Holloway,* J. W. Rogers,* T. Jenkins.*							74	1 00
Mill Creek,	J. W. Hunt, J. Younger, T. W. Beachum,		2		4		1	129	3 00
Mountain Creek,	G. W. Watkins, J. R. Hart, W. T. Eaks.	4	5			4		215	3 50
Mt. Harmony,	R. J. Davis,* J. W. Philpott.	1			8			34	1 00
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New Light,	L. Wilson,* W. Ward,* E. B. Lassiter.*	34					1	235	2 00
Oxford,	W. T. Beasley,* C. D. Grant,* E. C Montague.	3	1		5	3	3	63	3 00
Olive Branch,	W. W. Humphries, E J. Ramsey, D. T. Box.	1	1		5	1	3	152	2 00
Pleasant Grove,								66	
Poplar Creek,	H. Barnes,* J. Parham, S. Callis.	19	8			4	1	118	2 00
Sandy Level,									
Tabb's Creek,	J. Howell,* W. A. Parham,* W. Fulford.*						1	35	1 00
Tally Ho,	T. M. Meadows, D. Meadows, L. Hobgood.*	6	1		10	1	1	93	1 50
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ELDER J. J. LANSDELL, Clerk, Roxboro'.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MT. ZION CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 8, 1871.

The Association met, pursuant to the last annual adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of Raleigh, from Mark xii: 41–44. Subject, Christian Liberality.

After a recess of one hour the Association was called to order by the Clerk, (the Moderator being absent), and opened by reading the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, singing hymn commencing, "Kindred in Christ, for His dear sake," and prayer by Elder T. J. Horner.

The letters from the churches were read, and the delegates ascertained, when the Association went into election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, R. I. DEVIN; *Clerk*, J. J. LANSDELL; *Treasurer*, E. C. MONTAGUE.

The Moderator, on taking the chair, made a few appropriate remarks, which were well received by the Association.

Invitations were then extended to visiting brethren, and accepted by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of Raleigh; Rev. J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, and J. H. Mills, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion, the Pastor and deacons of Mt. Zion Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Services during the session.

Committees were appointed, viz:

On Home Missions: J. D. Hufham, J. W. Hunt, Wm. Blackwell.
On Foreign Missions: J. H. Mills, J. P. Montague, G. W. Duncan.
On Education: T. H. Pritchard, B. F. Hester, T. T. Grandy.
On Periodicals: T. J. Horner, J. B. Hobgood, Thos. Pittard.
On Sunday Schools: J. A. Stradley, M. H. Suit, J. Watkins.
On Temperance: J. P. Montague, Isaac N. Day, H. Stovall.
On Prayer Meetings and Family Worship: J. M. Howell, R. Peed, J. T. C. Norwood.
On Order of Business: S. S. Hicks, W. H. Lawson, J. M. Satterwhite.
On Time and Place of Next the Meeting of the Association, and Preachers for the Stated Sermons: J. B. Hobgood, John Shermon, J. Younger.

The church at Tally Ho having recommended Harry Crews, a colored member of that church, for examination, with a view to his ordination to the work of the Ministry, on motion, a presbytery was appointed, consisting of Elders J. A. Stradley, W. M. Wingate and T. J. Horner, to examine the candidate.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, half-past 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Pritchard.

Dr. Wingate preached at the stand in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 9½ O'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the chair, and was opened by reading a part of the 18th chapter of Luke, singing and prayer, conducted by Elder Hufham.

The Committee on Order of Business reported:

"1st, Devotional Exercises; 2nd, Calling the Roll; 3rd, Reading the Proceedings; 4th, Invitation to Visiting Brethren; 5th, Appointment of Committees; 6th, Reports of Committees; 7th, Unfinished Business; 8th, Miscellaneous Business."

Report adopted.

A letter from Mayo Grove Church (colored), Halifax

County, Va., was read, asking for admission as a member of the Association. On motion, the letter was referred to a committee of five, consisting of T. J. Horner, J. W. Hunt, J. M. Howell, B. F. Hester and Jos. Howard.

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was discussed by Drs. Pritchard and Wingate, and Elder Horner, and adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The importance of educating our children need not be argued in this age and country, for if it be our duty to covet the best gifts for our children—to secure good positions in society—to multiply their sources of pleasure and improvement; in a word, to promote their best interests in time and eternity, then are we under the most sacred obligations to make sacrifices, if need be *great sacrifices*, in order to give them the best educational advantages which the country affords.

Next to the gift of the grace of God, a sound, healthy, liberal, moral and mental education is the greatest blessing our children can enjoy. The Baptists are a peculiar people, entertaining religious opinions which distinguish them from all other denominations of Christians; they are brought in necessary antagonism with them. They cannot, therefore, afford to allow other denominations to educate their children, and the necessity is thus laid upon us of having our own schools at which our children should be trained. These schools, so essential to the prosperity of our Zion, should receive at our hands a hearty sympathy and liberal patronage, for while it is true that Baptists sometimes patronize the schools of other churches, the members of other churches never or very rarely patronize Baptist schools.

It gives your Committee pleasure, therefore, to report that there is no necessity for, nor propriety in the Baptists of Central North Carolina sending their children to schools other than their own, since in Wake Forest College, and the Raleigh Female Seminary, they have institutions of learning equal to any in the State, and worthy of enlarged and liberal patronage.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
T. T. GRANDY,
B. F. HESTER,
} Committee.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers for the next Session of the Association, reported:

Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1872, as the time, and Con

cord Church as the place; Elder T. J. Horner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder R. H. Marsh the Conventional Sermon.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and the subject was discussed by Elders Stradley and Wingate, and brethren Connell, Lansdell and Mills, and the report was recommitted for the insertion of statistics.

AFTERNOON.

The Committee on the letter from the church at Mayo Grove made the following report:

Your Committee have taken into consideration the application of the church at Mayo Grove for membership in this Association, and respectfully offer the following report: We advise that the church disband its organization and hereafter work as an arm of the church at Bethel.

T. J. HORNER, Chairman.

The report was adopted without discussion.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was approved.

Elder J. P. Montague, for the Committee on Temperance, reported, and a motion being made for the adoption of the report, he proceeded to advocate the report. Elder Horner objected to the report on account of its indefiniteness in point of its construction. Bro. Mills said the report was an indictment against the Baptists for drunkenness; that if any were guilty they should be dealt with by the churches.

The report, on motion, was re-committed.

The Committee on State Missions reported. After a discussion of the subject by Elders Hufham, Pritchard and Lansdell, and Bro. Mills, a further consideration of the subject was continued till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the subject was discussed by Bro. Mills, Elders Hufham, Wingate and Stradley, the report adopted, and a collection of $25.20 taken up for Dr. Yates' Chapel, Shanghai, China:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. C. MONTAGUE, *In Account with the*

Flat River Association.

To sundry amounts, received from August 26, 1869, to September 1, 1870.

Aug. 3[illegible], To amount from Churches by Delegates for the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

		Greenville Seminary.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Total. Amount.
August 26,	Mt. Zion Church:	$11 00	$ 6 00	$10 75	$ 5 25	$ 33 00
" "	Hester's "	8 40	3 75	26 47	3 00	41 62
" "	Oxford "	2 00	10 00	4 50	4 75	21 25
" "	Grassy Creek Church,		8 05	6 00	6 00	20 05
" "	Olive Branch "		5 00	4 55	5 00	14 55
" "	Bethel "		1 35	2 00	2 00	5 35
" "	Antioch "		3 75		10 00	13 75
" "	Mountain Creek "			10 00	13 50	23 50
" "	Poplar Creek "		2 80	3 00	3 00	8 80
" "	Oxford Sunday School,			5 00		5 00
" "	Am't from Churches for In. ex.					42 30
						$229 17

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Sep. 1,	Paid to Elder J. J. Lansdell for incid ntal expenses,	$42 30
Sep. 26,	Paid to Elder J. S Purefoy, Treas. of B. S. Convention:	
	For Education,	40 70
	For State Mission,	52 50
	For Foreign Mission,	72 27
	Agent for Greenville Sem.	21 40
		$229 17

Christian man or woman, who is the head of a family, to keep up family worship, and we believe that no family can be properly raised where this duty is neglected. Daily prayer should be offered in every family, together with earnest religious instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. HOWELL.

The report on State Missions was called up, the subject urged by Elder Hutham, the report adopted, and a collection taken up for State Missions to the amount of $26.15:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Here in our own State a mission field of vast extent is open to the Baptists. The population of the State is about 1,200,000, while we number only 75,000 to 80,000 communicants. If our churches were equally distributed among the people there would be a great work for them to do. But the difficulty in the way of accomplishing it is increased by the fact that the Baptists, though numerous in some sections, are scarcely known in others. We owe it to ourselves, to our fellow-men and to Christ to carry the gospel in its purity to all the people within our reach. This is a part of the work contemplated by the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During the present year they have had seven missionaries under appointment. Through the labors of these missionaries about one hundred persons have been baptized, and one church has been organized. This work should be greatly enlarged at once. It will be enlarged if the means can be obtained. The Board is now in need of funds to pay off the missionaries already employed.

There is need of increasing liberality on the part of all our churches towards this important department of Christian labor. Of the twenty-two churches composing this Association, nine make no mention in their letters of any contribution for any of the objects of the Convention during the year just closed. Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the pastors of this body be requested to present the claims of State Missions to their churches, and solicit contributions for sustaining it four times during each Associational year.

The Committee on Temperance offered an amended report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on this subject are not prepared to give a statistical report on the evils of intemperance: and we would like to throw the mantle of charity over the faults of our brethren. Yet, if the truth be told,

there are those who will drink ardent spirits as a luxury, in spite of the evils resulting from their example.

J. P. MONTAGUE, Chairman.

The Committee on Sunday Schools offered an amended report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The longer, and the more closely we consider the Sabbath School enterprise in its design and workings, the more are we convinced that it has Bible authority for its basis, and great good as its result. While we believe this, we have deeply to regret that so many of our church members and churches are so slow to use an agency so potent for good. This is a work in which every Christian, whether old or young, can either do good by teaching, or can receive good by being taught.

How any one claiming to be a follower of Him who "went about doing good," can idle away his or her Sabbaths, where a work so beneficial to themselves and others, invites their attention and efforts, is something we are utterly unable to reconcile with a proper sense of Christian duty.

We earnestly request each member of each church, composing this Association, to think seriously of the duties they owe to God and their neighbors, and then to enquire, "Lord, what will thou have me to do?" in regard to the Sabbath School work.

If, in any church or neighborhood, there cannot be found brethren to take hold of this work, we recommend our sisters to organize and carry on schools at churches, school houses and at home. And for the encouragement of all who engage in this work, we say, we have never known earnest efforts, in this good work, long to remain without the approval and blessing of God upon them. To show the necessity for such efforts, we state the sad fact that nine churches, to wit: Tabb's Creek, Flat River Union, Olive Branch, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Harmony, Antioch, Grassy Creek, Mt. Calvary and Mill Creek, report in their letters to the Association, nothing in regard to Sunday School work. Nine churches out of twenty-one, now represented, are doing nothing for the Sunday School cause. Nearly half of our Associational territory lies, to-day, uncultivated by the Baptists. Less than four hundred pupils are taught by all the teachers in our bounds. Look at this dark picture, and pray and labor to do better.

J. A. STRADLEY,
J. A. WATKINS, } Committee.

The hour having arrived for the Conventional Sermon, the Association repaired to the stand to hear it, which was

preached by Elder Hutham from II. Corinthians viii: 9 (latter clause), "That ye, through his poverty, might be rich." He spoke with much clearness and pathos on the following points:

1. The Christian's riches—consisting of his present hopes and joys, and his future inheritance.

2. How the Christian gets his riches—they come through the poverty, the suffering, and the death of Christ.

3. What the Christian ought to do with his riches—he should use them for the glory of God in the conversion of the world, that others may be made partakers of the same inheritance.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for Dr. Yates' Chapel, to the amount of $12.60.

AFTERNOON.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay over all the funds he has in hand for the objects of the B. S. Convention, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

WHEREAS, Bro. W. H. Connell, a young man of piety and ability, from our Association, is now at Wake Forest College as a beneficiary, and is entirely dependent on the churches for a support while there, therefore

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to make contributions especially for the benefit of this brother, while prosecuting his studies with a view to the work of the ministry.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association are hereby requested to appoint delegates to represent them in the Baptist State Convention, according to the amount of money contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to report, in their annual letters to the Association, the whole amount of money contributed by them during the year to the various objects of Christian benevolence, and also Sabbath School statistics.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the

brethren and friends of this community for their kind entertainment during the present session of this Association.

The Committee on Periodicals reported, and, after remarks by Elders Stradley and Lansdell, and Bro. B. F. Hester, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals respectfully call the Attention of this Association to the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of our denomination in the State.

Our principles, founded as they are on the Word of God, ought to be propagated, disseminated and defended. Our organization ought to be systematized, and our labors for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom concentrated. We ought to have a weekly paper to exhort, reprove and encourage us "in every good word and work." Our children need religious instruction. All these important ends the *Recorder* labors to reach, therefore it ought to be a weekly visitant, not only to every Baptist family in the bounds of the Association, but also to every Baptist in the State.

We also recommend the *Home and Foreign Journal* for missionary intelligence, published at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words* for Sunday Schools, published at Memphis, Tenn.

T. J. HORNER, Chairman.

The presbytery, appointed to examine Harry Crews, a member of the church at Tally Ho, with a view to his ordination, reported that they had examined him, and recommended his ordination at his own church so soon as convenient.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to the Clerk ten dollars for his services, out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder of said fund be appropriated to defraying the expenses of publishing and distributing the Minutes, and that the Clerk have printed and distributed among the churches as many copies of the Minutes as said remainder will pay for.

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to have published on the cover of the Minutes advertisements of the "Raleigh Female Seminary," and Wake Forest College, at the expense of the respective schools.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the

church at Concord, on Tuesday next after the first Thursday in August, 1872.

The Moderator made a few appropriate remarks, after which the hymn commencing, "Children of the Heavenly King," was sung, Elder Lansdell led in prayer, and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic benediction.

R. I. DEVIN, MODERATOR.
J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2nd. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3rd. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all Committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

A TABLE,

Showing the Pastors and Clerks, and their Post Offices, and the Time of Meeting of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.	R. Amis,	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sab. & Sat. before.
Antioch,	" "	" "	H. A. Reams,	Roxboro', N. C.	3rd " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, N. C.	W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill, N. C.	1st " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,		D. Vaughan,	Dutchville, N. C.	2nd " "
Corinth,	J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville, N. C.	Jas. M. Howell,	Oxford, N C.	4th " "
Fellowship,*	W. A. Atkinson,	" "	T. H. Perry,	New Light, N. C.	4th " "
Flat River Union,	" "	" "	W. H. Peed,	Knap of Reeds, N. C.	3rd " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " & 2 Sab.
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, N. C.	Jos. Howard,	Oxford, N. C.	2nd " " & 4 "
Island Creek,	E. F. Beachum,	Williamsboro', N. C.	J. T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro', N. C.	1st " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,		T. J. Montague,	Woodsdale, N. C.	4th " "
Mt. Calvary,	J. H. Layton,		Alex. Colclough,	Fishdam, N. C.	
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,		P. Blackwell,		1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Allensville, N. C.	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah, N. C.	2nd Sab. & Sat. before.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho, N. C.	Isaac N. Day,		1st " " & 4 Sab.
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,		John Norwood,	New Light, N. C.	2nd " "
Oxford,	R. H. Marsh,		E. C. Montague,	Oxford, N. C.	1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Olive Branch,	E. F. Beachum,		S. C. Humphries,		3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,	J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho, N. C.	J. W. Fuller,	Wilton, N. C.	2nd " "
Poplar Creek,	J. A. Stradley,		G. W. Wright,	Henderson, N. C.	4th " "
Sandy Level,	J. P. Montague,		J. Hall.	Durham, N. C.	4th " "
Tabb's Creek,	R. H. Marsh,		W. A. Parham,		Sat. before 3 Sab. & 5 Sab.
Tally Ho,	T. J. Horner,		F. M. Meadows,	Tally Ho, N. C.	2nd Sab. and Sat. before,

*From last year's rep.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Incidental Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Associational fund.
Amis' Chapel,	Jno. Amis, Warren Overby, L. A. Royster.		125.00	3	1		2	1	1	96	$2 50
Antioch,	R. B. Trimm,* John Allen, R. Rhen.		125.00		2		2	1		48	2 00
Bethel,	D. A. Harris,* William C. Pulliam,* W. H. Lawson.			3	1		2		2	92	2 00
Concord,	T. B. Lyon,* M. H. Suit, M. W. B. Veazey.*				3		4			150	2 50
Corinth,	J. M. Howell, Alex. Barnett, W. H. Connel.			19	7		5	1		179	1 50
Fellowship,†										90	
Flat River Union,	Richard Peed, Samuel Washington, Sherman Peed.						2		2	165	2 00
Grassy Creek,	T. J. Pittard, T. D. Royster, E. J. Ragsdale.			10	3	1	9	4	5	296	1 75
Hester's,	Jos. Howard, J. W. Currin, B. F. Hester.	17.00	250.00	3	4	1	15		3	178	3 00
Island Creek,	David W. Knott, W. H. Green, J. T. C. Norwood.			8		2				100	2 00
Mill Creek,	J. J. Lansdell, J. W. Hunt, J. Younger.				4		2	1		130	3 00
Mt. Calvary,	Lenon Chandler,* James Umsted.			59	10		9	2		65	1 50
Mountain Creek,	W. H. Blackwell, J. A. Watkins, J. M. Satterwhite.			5	1		1	4	3	212	3 00
Mt. Zion,	Abram Slaughter, Alex. Mize, John Shermon.			1	2		1		2	131	2 05
Mt. Harmony,	John W. Philpott, H. C. Sweeney.									30	1 00
New Light,	Wm. Ward,* H. C. Ray,* Thomas Ward.*				1		11		2	223	2 00
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy, W. R. Beasley,* E. C. Montague.				1		2			62	1 50
Olive Branch,	H. Stovall, J. G. Norwood, A. Puryear.			1	1		1			150	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	Jno. R. Knight,* Wiley Rogers,* D. L. Smith.*									69	1 50
Poplar Creek,	S. S. Hicks, Hillman Barnes,* J. E. Callis.*	25.00	100.00					1	3	114	2 00
Sandy Level,	A. W. Fletcher,* J. Marcom,* D. H. Forsyth.*						2		2	24	1 00
Tabb's Creek,	John Howell,* A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham.*		87.50	1		1	2		2	36	1 25
Tally Ho.	G. W. Duncan, F. M. Meadows, W. T. Hunt.						3	4		88	1 50
	(*) Absent. † From last year's report.			113	41	5	76	19	28	2,828	42 55

Raleigh Female Seminary.

The Third Session opened on Monday, July 24th, 1871, and will close on the 8th of December.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION:

In the Collegiate Course.

F. P. HOBGOOD, A. M., Principal, | *Miss LINA RAVEN, of Hanover, Ger.,*
Mrs. P. G. POWELL, | *Miss H. D. TAYLOR.*

In the Primary School.

Miss JULIA ALLEN, | *Miss H. D. TAYLOR.*

Music.

Professor F. A. BOHLMANN.

Ornamental Branches.

Miss S. S. FONTAINE.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Principal congratulates the friends of the School on its success and prosperity, ninety Students being now in attendance; and hopes, with the assistance of his corps of competent and experienced Teachers, to be able to establish a School which will take rank with the first in the land.

Raleigh, in point of healthfulness and the many opportunities for improvement it affords young ladies, is unrivaled by any location in the the State.

The Course of Study is thorough and comprehensive.

Students will be charged from the time of entrace.

Boarders will provide themselves with towels, one pair of sheets, and one pair of pillow-cases.

Terms per Session of Twenty Weeks:

Tuition in Primarry Depatment,	$20 00
" Intermediate Department,	25 00
" Collegiate Department,	30 00
" German, (taught by a Native), extra,	10 00
Music on Piano,	22 50
" Guitar,	15 00
Piano Rent,	5 00
Drawing,	10 00
Painting,	15 00
Incidental Expenses,	1 50
Board, including Fuel and Lights,	80 00

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

The Annual Session begins September 15th, and closes on the 4th Thursday in June.

Expenses in Currency:

Tuition per Term of Five Months, - - -	$35 00
Board, (without lodging), per week, - -	2 50 to 3 00
" (with lodging), " " - - -	3 00 to 3 50
" in "Clubs" (without lodging), per week,	1 50 to 2 00
Room-Rent and and Servant-Hire each, " "	15

Washing, Fuel and Lights at moderate rates.

Education of Ministers.

The faculty are authorized to receive candidates for the Christian Ministry without charge for tuition, provided they shall be recommended by some ecclesiastical authority.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention afford further pecuniary aid to indigent young men, who furnish satisfactory testimonials of character, and fitness for the work of the Ministry.

If any student shall accept either of the above gratuities, and shall afterwards abandon the Ministry, the tuition fees, and the pecuniary aid extended, shall be held as debts due respectively to the College, and to the Board of Education.

For Catalogue of Institution, address,

W. M. WINGATE, President,

Forestville, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

CONCORD CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 6, 1872.

The Association met in its 79th session, pursuant to the last adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. M. Jordan, from Phil. i: 9–10.

After a short recess, and refreshments, the Association was called to order by Elder R. I. Devin, the moderator, and opened by singing the hymn commencing, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," and prayer by Elder Stradley.

Letters from the churches were read, and the delegates enrolled, when the Association went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, R. I. DEVIN; *Clerk*, J. J. LANSDELL; *Treasurer*, F. M. MEADOWS.

Invitations were extended to visiting brethren, and accepted by Elders F. M. Jordan and J. B. Richardson, of the Beulah Association, and Bro. J. H. Mills, of the Central Association.

The following committees were, on motion, appointed:

On Religious Services: The Pastor and Deacons of Concord church.

On Home Missions: J. E. Montague, R. T. Ealam, Wm. Barnett.

On Foreign Missions: R. H. Marsh, John Peed, John Morgan.

On Education: B. F. Hester, James Elliott, Robert Hester.

On Periodicals: T. J. Horner, J. W. Dalby, J. Younger.

On Sunday Schools: J. P. Montague, W. Overby, R. T. Howerton.

On Prayer Meetings and Family Worship: J. A. Stradley, Thos. Green, James Norwood.

On Temperance: F. M. Jordan, W. R. Beasley, S. S. Hicks.

On Time and Place for the Next Meeting of the Association, and Preachers for the Annual Sermons: R. T. Ealam, D. A. Harris, J. W. Dalby.

In pursuance of a resolution of the late session of the Baptist State Convention, on motion, committees were appointed on the following subjects:

The propriety of the churches making their houses of worship comfortable and attractive: J. S. Purefoy, Moses Deane, John Morgan.

The importance of assembling the men and women, as well as the children, every Sunday, for the Study of the Bible: J. D. Hufham, A. M. Veazey, D. A. Harris.

The advantages of permanent pastorates, and the disadvantages of annual elections: John Mitchell, C. D. Grandy, Samuel Howard.

The duty of paying pastors such salaries as will enable them to purchase the books they need, and to study the subjects on which they impart instruction: N. E. Cannady, Edward Dalby, J. T. C. Norwood.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, 9½ o clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by singing and prayer, Elder Richardson leading in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll called.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and accepted by Bro. N. E. Cannady, of the Central Association, Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Elder John Mitchell, agent of W. F. College.

Elder J. B. Richardson, by invitation, presented the claims of the church at Greensboro to the liberality of the Association, when a donation in aid of said church was made, amounting in cash and subscriptions to $115.00.

The committee on Home Missions presented the following report, and after remarks by Elders Lansdell and Hufham, it was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee feels that the Home Mission department of our benevolent operations is of the first importance, from the order of the commission, from the immense destitution, from the character of our present population, and the great effort being made by the advocates of error in our land. We therefore recommend the cultivation of the home field as the first duty of the churches of this Association.

J. E. MONTAGUE,
R. T. EALAM,
W. J. BARNETT,
} Committee.

The committee on Temperance reported—report laid on the table, and the Association took a recess of one hour.

Elder Richardson preached at the stand at 11 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Temperance was taken up, and after remarks by Elder Stradley, was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee is of the opinion that there has been, within a few years, a growth of intemperance in the country that is truly alarming. Drunkenness seems to be increasing; and moderate drinking, the prolific parent of drunkenness, is becoming more common. In view of these facts, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the churches be counselled to deal promptly with those who manufacture, or sell intoxicating liquors, and to withdraw fellowship from them if they persist in this wicked business after faithful admonition.

Resolved, That our church members be encouraged to set their faces against what is called the moderate use of intoxicating beverages, inasmuch as it tends surely to drunkenness, poverty and ruin.

F. M. JORDAN, Ch'n.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted the following report, and after remarks by Elder Horner and Bro. J. H. Mills, the same was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully submit, that the *Biblical Recorder* ought to be sustained and endorsed by every Baptist in the

bounds of this Association, on account of its efficiency and fidelity to our principles and interest. Great efforts are being made to introduce and circulate papers from other states; but no paper out of the State can do the work of the *Recorder*. Much of the success that has attended our missionary operations is due to its influence. If eternal vigilance is the price of civil liberty, it is equally the price of religious liberty. We need the *Recorder* to watch for us. We therefore recommend it to every Baptist in the bounds of our Association, and ask for it a more general circulation.

T. J. HORNER, Ch'n Com.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted a report, which was discussed by Elders J. P. Montague, Horner and Purefoy, and re-committed.

The Committee on Family Prayer and Prayer Meetings reported; and the report being discussed by Elders Horner and Stradley, Bro. Mills and Elder Purefoy, it was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

We believe that the constant and faithful discharge of these duties, is indispensable to the necessary development of the christian graces. We believe that no family can have proper religious training without family prayer; neither can any church acquire and exert a wholesome religious influence in any community without a prayer meeting. We would therefore affectionately urge each family and church connected with this Association to the discharge of these duties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STRADLEY, }
J. T. NORWOOD, } Committee.

The Committee on Education offered their report, which was laid on the table till to-morrow, ten o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Elder Mitchell preached at the stand this afternoon.

THURSDAY, August 8, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment—Moderator in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Elder Mitchell.

The Committee on Sunday Schools offered an amended report, which was discussed by Elder Horner and Bro. Hester, and re-committed, and a substitute offered and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The longer, and the more closely we consider the Sabbath school enterprise in its design and workings, the more are we convinced that it has Bible authority for its basis, and great good as its result. While we believe this, we have deeply to regret that so many of our church members are so slow to use an agency so potent for good. This is a work in which every christian, whether old or young, can either do good by teaching, or can receive good by being taught.

How any one claiming to be a follower of Him who "went about doing good," can idle away his or her Sabbaths, when a work, so beneficial to themselves and others, invites their attention and efforts, is something we are utterly unable to reconcile with a proper sense of Christian duty.

We earnestly request each member of each church, composing this Association, to think seriously of the duties they owe to God and their neighbors, and then to enquire, "Lord, what will thou have me to do" in regard to the Sabbath School work?

If, in any church or neighborhood, there cannot be found brethren to take hold of this work, we recommend our sisters to organize and carry on schools at churches, school-houses and at home. And for the encouragement of all who engage in this work, we say we have never known earnest efforts, in this good work, to remain long without the approval and blessing of God upon them.

The report on Education was now taken up, and the subject discussed by Elder Mitchell, Bro. Mills and Elder Marsh, and an opportunity afforded to raise endowment funds for Wake Forest College. The following is the report:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Excellent schools at Raleigh and Murfreesboro afford us facilities for educating our girls.

The preparatory school of Elder T. J. Horner at Tally Ho, and W. F. College are offering an opportunity to poor boys and young men to prepare themselves for extended usefulness.

During the last session, there were in attendance at W. F. College, about ninety young men. Fifteen of these are preparing for the ministry, of whom ten are dependent on the churches for a support. We do

not sufficiently appreciate the increased efficiency of an educated ministry and membership in the spread of the gospel.

Resolved, That in the future we will strive more earnestly to secure these advantages.

We do not believe that education will make a preacher, yet we recognize the fact that it so qualifies one whom God has called, that he is enabled much better to 'preach the word,' rightly to divine it. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate with the Education Board of the State Convention in the support of indigent young men preparing for the ministry.

B. F. HESTER,
ROBT. HESTER, } Committee.
JAS. ELLIOTT,

The Association repaired to the stand to hear the Conventional Sermon, at 11 o'clock, which was preached by Elder J. S. Purefoy, from Luke xix: 13—"Occupy till I come."

AFTERNOON.

Business resumed—Moderator in the chair.

The committee on the time and place for holding the next session of the Association, and the preachers to preach the annual sermons, reported Mountain Creek as the place, Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1873, as the time, and Elder Stradley to preach the Introductory and Elder J. E. Montague to preach the Conventional Sermon; all of which was adopted.

The committee on the propriety of churches making their houses of worship comfortable and attractive, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH HOUSES.

Your Committee would recommend,

1st. That each Church appoint trustees to hold property for them.

2d. That each Church see that they have good and lawful deeds executed to the trustees and their successors in office, (giving their names,) for the use and benefit of the Baptist church. Never put a piece of timber on the ground until a deed is secured, and never build on less than three acres of land.

3d. Be sure to build a good house suited to the size of the congregation, with large windows, and blinds, plastered or ceiled, and painted,

with one or more good stoves to make it comfortable in winter for the comfort of the church and Bible schools.

The Lord's house should be the best and most comfortable house within the bounds of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PUREFOY, MOSES DEANE, } Committee.

The committee on the importance of assembling the men and women, as well as the children, every Sunday, for the study of the Bible, submitted a report, which was adopted. (The report on this subject has been mislaid.)

The committee on the advantages of permanent pastorates, and the disadvantages of annual elections, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON PERMANENT PASTORATES.

Your Committee on Permanent Pastorates offer the following:

1. Permanent Pastorates are scriptural, and should be encouraged.

2. The annual election of pastor is without authority from the New Testament, tends to unsettle the pastoral relation, is likely to prove injurious to church and pastor, and should be abandoned.

3. The Pastoral relation should be formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and should not be severed until the Providence of God renders it necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MITCHELL, S. L. HOWARD, C. D. GRANDY, } Committee.

The committee on the duty of paying pastors such salaries as will enable them to purchase the books they need, and to study the subjects on which they impart instruction, reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON PAYMENT OF PASTORS.

We believe it is the indispensable duty of our churches to pay their pastors such salaries as would enable them to furnish themselves with such books and religious papers as would the better fit and qualify them for the discharge of their important duties as pastors. It is also our decided opinion that it would be much the best that our churches should have a distinct understanding with their pastor on or before the com-

mencement of each year as to what he is to receive for his pastoral services. We also think it is the indispensable duty of our churches to be prompt in the payment of the amount agreed on: a neglect or refusal of such payment we regard as a serious offence on the part of any of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

N. E. CANNADY,
E. DALBY,
J. T. C. NORWOOD, } Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions offered the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee does not deem it necessary to enlarge upon the obligations imposed on us by the Master to aid in the extension of his kingdom among the heathen by earnest prayer, by cordial sympathy, and by voluntary contributions to the full extent of our ability. The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ as is exemplified in the word and work of the great Head of the Church, of the Apostles, and the enlightened christian sentiment of the church in all ages. As Baptists we are now even as we have been in spirit, fully and heartily committed to the great work of "preaching the Gospel to every creature." While we do not regard this work of equal importance with that of securing the salvation of our own souls and of those around us, yet standing as it does on the authority and promise of God, we cannot lightly esteem it without wilful disobedience to God and a criminal violation of the dictates of an enlightened conscience. We are glad, therefore, to be able to report a healthy and increased sympathy and active co-operation generally among our churches in this matter; and as an expression of our approbation, we do hereby tender our encouragement and support to all the churches in behalf of this great christian enterprise. We do this the more cheerfully as we recognize the approbation of our Father in the general prosperity and success of our mission work. Everywhere, except it be in Africa, the Lord appears to have crowned our labors with abundant success. There our work has not been in vain, though our apparent success under the Lord has not been uninterrupted, and the present prospects of Africa are not equal to our desires.

In Shanghai, notwithstanding the discouragements growing out of the affliction of our honored and very dear brother Yates, the little church seems to be prospering under the ministry of a native preacher, aided by Sister Yates. During the last year seven baptisms are reported, with a full membership of fifty-two.

In Canton we have four churches, numbering one hundred and forty members, under the care of brethren R. H. Graves, E. Z. Simmons, N. B. Williams, with their wives and Miss Whilden, together with one native pastor, Wong Mui, eight native assistants, and four Bible women.

Our Mission to Italy has been a success from its beginning. In a little over one year, in the several stations nearly three hundred members have been received. Bro. Cote has returned to his field of labor and the present prospects of the work in and about Rome are exceedingly flattering.

Besides these stations now occupied by Southern Baptists, other and important fields are constantly being opened by Providence. In fact,

almost the whole world is ripe for the introduction of the gospel. Let us mark the indications of Providence guiding us to duty and success, and taking courage go forward in this great work. We would recommend a general circulation among the churches of the *Home and Foreign Journal*, concerts of prayer for Missions, and continued contributions on the part of all the churches.

R. H. Marsh, Chair.

On account of the want of time the reports offered and adopted this afternoon were not discussed.

On motion, three delegates were appointed to represent this Association in the next session of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, viz.: Elder E. F. Beachum, F. M. Meadows, H. A. Connell.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the present session.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Mountain Creek, on Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1873.

Prayer was offered by Elder Marsh and the benediction pronounced by the Moderator, when the Association adjourned, after a harmonious session.

R. I. DEVIN, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The statistics for the present year show an increase of 55 members, and yet, as compared with the statistics of last year, a decrease of 178. This arises from inaccuracies in the returns. For example, the church at Pleasant Grove reported for 1871, 69 members, and this year, 45, with none dismissed, excluded or deceased, making a difference of 24 unaccounted for. The church at Mt. Calvary reported for 1871, 65 members, and this year 50, with 9 baptized and 3 dismissed—showing a

nett increase of six members, and yet 15 less than last year. These things show the importance of more care in order to preserve correct statistics.—But it is gratifying to note an increase in liberality. For example: 1871, Home Missions, $115.60; Foreign Missions, $75.70. 1872, Home Mis., $152.78; For. Mis., $188.03—with an increase in all the departments of benevolence. It is painful, however, to see in some of the churches *no sign of the grace of liberality.* Let the churches take notice, that it is now a standing order to publish statistics on this subject, and let the annual letters be prepared with that view. CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all Committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

The Treasurer of last year offered the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1871.

E. C. MONTAGUE, *In Account with the Flat River Association.*

To sundry amounts, received from August 31, 1870, to August 1, 1871.

Amounts from Churches for the objects of the Baptist State Covention.

	Dr. Yates' Chapel.	W.H. Connell's Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Incidental Expenses.	Total Amount.
Amis' Chapel,		$ 7 00	$ 7 00	$ 7 15			$ 21 15
Antioch,	4 25	5 00	5 00				14 25
Concord,		5 50	20	3 50			9 20
Corinth,			3 00	4 00			7 00
Grassy Creek,		9 00	8 80	8 00			25 80
Hester's,		5 85	7 75	8 25			21 85
Mill Creek,			5 00	5 00			10 00
Mountain Creek,		15 00	4 00	3 50			22 50
Mt. Zion,		6 85	1 15	11 35			19 35
Olive Branch,					5 40		5 40
Poplar Creek,			2 00		3 00		5 00
Tally Ho,			1 00	1 70			2 70
Oxford,	13 00	21 00	32 25	18 25	3 25		87 75
Oxford Sunday School,				5 00			5 00
Public collection at Association,	37 82		38 45				76 27
From Churches for Incidental Expenses,						40 55	40 55
							$373 77
CR.							
Paid to Elder J. D. Hufham, Cor. Sec. of S. B. Convention:							
For State Mission	115 60						
" Foreign Mission,	75 70						
" W. H. Connell's education,	54 20						
" Dr. Yates' Chapel,	43 07						
" Education,	11 65						
" Dr. Yates, by Eld. Marsh,	12 00						
" J. M. Howell, for Connell,	21 00						
" J. J. Lansdell, for Incidental Expenses,	40 55						$373 77

STATISTICAL TABLE, No. 1.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	Warren Overby, L. A. Royster, Wm. Chandler,*	12 78	12 78	12 79	125 00	2 00	2	2		1	1		98
Antioch,	H. A. Reams,* John Allen, W. C. Rogers,	2 88	2 87		125 00	2 00							48
Bethel,	D. A. Harris, S. P. Gentry, W. H. Jackson,	3 28	3 27	3 27	100 00	2 50	20	1	1	2		1	111
Concord,	J. W. Dalby, N. C. Lyon, Calvin Waller,	6 00	9 50	9 50	125 00	2 50	7	1			3	1	151
Corinth,	J. M. Howell,* D. C. Reams,* L. T. Buchanan,			25 00	100 00	1 50				2	3		174
Fellowship,	T. H. Perry, J. W. Kemp,* G. T. Peace,				50 00	1 00							86
Flat River Union,	John Peed, W. H. Peed, Thos. Green,				100 00	2 00				3		1	161
Grassy Creek,	T. J. Pittard, W. J. Barnett, R. T. Ealam,	15 00	15 00	10 90	225 00	2 70	23	4		4		2	318
Hester's,	B. F. Hester, J. M. Currin, B. F. Knott,	10 29	27 13	13 53	260 00	3 00			1	10	3	4	124
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, J. T. C. Norwood, Simeon Green,	18 75	20 00	18 75	150 00	2 00				1		3	88
Mill Creek,	J. J. Lansdell, J. Younger, R. T. Howerton,	5 00	5 00		100 00	3 00		4		3		2	132
Mt. Calvary,	A. W. Holloway, J. J. Holloway, A. Colclough,				50 00	1 50	9			3			50
Mountain Creek,	Jones Elliott, Rob. Hester, G. W. Hart,	25 00	16 00	8 00	300 00	2 20	19	1		3	3		225
Mt. Zion,	E. H. Jones, S. L. Howard, Moses Deane,	4 53	31 73	9 89	150 00	3 00	2	2		2	3		129
Mt. Harmony,	H. C. Sweeney, R. J. Davis,* J. W. Philpott,*	4 00			40 00	1 00	1						31
New Light,	Sandy Penny, W. J. Ward, J. Z. Allen,				100 00	2 00				3	2	3	215
Oxford,	W. R. Beasley, C. D. Grandy, T. T. Grandy,	27 00	23 00	17 25	400 00	1 50		1					63
Olive Branch,	T. H. Street, J. G. Norwood, C. F. Sanford,	2 27	4 00	2 28	100 00	2 00	28	3		5		3	148
Pleasant Grove,	E. Winston, J. R. Knight, Wiley Rogers,*				40 00	1 30							45
Poplar Creek,	S. S. Hicks, S. M. Parrish, J. E. Callis,	7 50	7 50	7 50	100 00	2 00	2			1	1	3	103
Sandy Level,	A. W. Fletcher, James Umsted,				50 00	1 60		2		2	4		25
Tabb's Creek,	Ch. Parham, A. C. Parham,* John Howell,*	50	2 25	3 50	80 00	1 50						1	35
Tally Ho,	G. W. Duncan, F. M. Meadows, W. H. Thomasson,	8 00	8 00	4 00	125 00	1 50	1	6		6			90
	* Absent.	$152 78	$188 03	$146 16		$45 30	114	27	2	41	23	24	2,650

TABLE, No. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	R. Amis,	Buchanan,	1st Sab. & Sat. before.
Antioch,	E. J. Montague,		H. A. Reams,	Roxboro,	3d " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,		W. H. Lawson,	Bethel Hill,	1st " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,		D. Vaughan,	Dutchville,	2d " "
Corinth,	J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville,	J. M. Howell,	Oxford,	4th " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Atkinson,		T. H. Perry,	New Light,	4th " "
Flat River Union,	W. A. Atkinson,	Forestville,	W. H. Peed,	Knap of Reeds,	3d " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,		B. T. Winston,	Young's ⋈ Roads,	4th " " & 2 Sab
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,		Jos. Howard,	Oxford,	2d " " & 4 "
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,		J. T. C. Norwood,	Williamsboro,	3d " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	T. J. Montague,	Woodsdale,	4th " "
Mt. Calvary,	J. H. Layton,		Alex. Colclough,	Fish Dam,	4th " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's ⋈ Roads,	P. Blackwell,		1st and 3d Sab.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2d Sab. and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Tally Ho,	I. N. Day,		1st " " & 4 Sab
New Light,	W. A. Atkinson,		John Norwood,	New Light,	2d " "
Oxford,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	E. C. Montague,	Oxford,	1st and 3d Sab.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,		W. T. Humphries,	Blue Wing,	3d Sab. & Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,	J. P. Montague,		J. W. Fuller,	Wilton,	1st " "
Poplar Creek,	J. A. Stradley,		G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " "
Sandy Level,	J. P. Montague,	Tally Ho,	John Hall,	Durham,	4th " "
Tabb's Creek,	T. J. Horner,		W. A. Parham,		3d " "
Tally Ho,	T. J. Horner,		L. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2d " "

Elder E. F. Beachum, Williamsboro, and Elder J. J. Lansdell, Roxboro, without pastoral charges.

TABLE No. 3—SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of religious papers taken.
Amis' Chapel,		1	3	15	25
Bethel,		1	6	41	
Corinth.	J. W. Gordon,	1		40	
Grassy Creek,		1			
Mill Creek (at Roxboro),	J. J. Lansdell,	1	4	34	
Mountain Creek,		1	5	30	
Hester's,	B. F. Hester,	1	4	30	
Mt. Zion,	E. H. Jones,	1			
Poplar Creek,					26
Island Creek,		1		30	10
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy, E. C. Montague,	2	20	114	
Sandy Level,	C. W. Rochell,	1	7	76	
Tally Ho,		1			

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

To aid the church at Rome—Hester's, $4.00; Mt. Zion, $14.85; New Light $3.05

To aid the church at Greensboro—Oxford, $7.75.

To aid the church at Lillington—Hester's, $3.20.

S. S. contribution—Concord, $6.00.

Do. for Greensboro—Hester's, $5.00.

Incidental Expenses—Hester's, $14.50.

B. S. Hester	35.00
R H M	15.00
Billie Jones	25.00
Sol Elliott	100.00
J W Watkins	200.00
J A Watkins	200.00
W A Smith Sh/	25.00
A Y Redd	100.00
B. P. Montague	100.00
J B Hester	100.00
Person Meadows	100.00
Ann E Garrison	15.00
B.D. Howard	50.00
Sim Dean	50.00
J J Lovelett & wife	50.00
Chas Frazier	25.00
Thos Street	15.00
B R Bumpass	10.00
S C Humphries	20.00
C S Humphries	5.00
Jno D Bulloch	100.00
A M Neely	20.00
J S Peet	5.00
Pink Meadows	75.00
J J C Norwood	50.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNTAIN CREEK, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 12–14, 1873.

ELDER J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator, Oxford.
ELDER J. J. LANSDELL, Clerk, Roxboro'.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNTAIN CREEK CHURCH,
Granville County, N. C., Aug. 12, 1873.

The Association met in its 80th annual session, at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Stradley from the 3d verse of the Epistle of Jude: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

After intermission and refreshments, the Association was called to order by Elder R. I. Devin, Moderator, and opened by singing, reading a portion of scripture, and prayer.

Letters from the churches were read, and delegates enrolled, when the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, J. A. Stradley; Clerk, J. J. Lansdell; Treasurer, T. T. Grandy.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and responded to by Prof. Reinhart of Raleigh Female Seminary.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Services—The Pastor and Deacons of Mountain Creek Church.

On Home Missions—R. H. Marsh, J. W. Hunt, D. A. Harris.

On Foreign Missions—R. I. Devin, R. Peed, Thos. J. Montague.

On Education—J. P. Montague, Prof. Reinhart, John Howell.

On Periodicals—B. F. Hester, J. D. Parham, H. Stovall.

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Hobgood, D. Vaughan, J. Pittard.

On Prayer Meetings and Family Worship—F. Knott, W. S. Barnett, E. C. Coley.

On the time and place of the next meeting of the Association and the preachers for the Annual Sermons—Sherman Peed, S. C. Humphries, J. I. Moore.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Prof. Reinhart.

AUG. 13, 9½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Elder J. E. Montague.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll called.

An invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and Elder N. B. Cobb, Agent and Missionary of the S. S. Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

The report of the Treasurer for last year was read by Elder Marsh, and approved. (See report A.)

Elder Marsh read the report on State Missions, when the subject was discussed by Elders Hufham, Cobb, Marsh and Horner and Bro. D. A. Harris, a collection in cash of $67.20 raised for State Missions, and the report adopted. (See report B.)

Bro. Vaughan read the report on Sunday Schools, when Elder Cobb ably discussed the subject of the Sunday School work in the State, followed by Prof. Reinhart in an able and well-timed address directed specially to the laity, urging them to unremitted labors in this department of christian usefulness. After which the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON.

The report of Sunday Schools being under consideration, Elder Marsh offered a resolution which was adopted as an amendment to the report. Remarks were made by Elders Horner, Hufham, Cobb, Bro. D. A. Harris and Elder Cohen. The report as amended was adopted. (See report C.)

Elder Cohen reported himself as a visitor.

The Committee on the time and place of the next annual meeting and the preachers for the annual sermons, reported, Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1874, as the time, and Oxford as the place; Elder T. J. Horner to preach the Introductory and Elder R. I. Devin, the Conventional sermon—all of which was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the subject being discussed by Elders Hufham, J. P. Montague and Lansdell, the report was adopted. (See report D.)

On motion of Bro. R. Peed, a Committee on Temperance was appointed, consisting of Elder J. E. Montague, R. Peed and C. S. Chandler.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Horner.

NOTE.—On account of rain there was no preaching yesterday afternoon nor to-day.

AUG. 14, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Elder Cohen.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll called.

The report on Education was read by Elder J. P. Montague, when the necessities of our beneficiaries at Wake Forest College were presented by Elder Hufham, and a collection of $56.00 in cash and $45.00 in subscriptions was raised for their benefit—after which Prof. Reinhart entertained the Associa-

tion in a lengthy and able discussion on the general subject of Education, followed by Elders Marsh, Horner and Cohen in well-timed remarks, when the report was adopted. (See report E.)

At 11½ o'clock the Association adjourned to the stand to hear the Conventional sermon, which was preached by Elder J. E. Montague from John 21: 17. After preaching, a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, but the amount was not reported to the Clerk.

AFTERNOON.

The Association being called to order by the Moderator, on motion of Elder Horner, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sunday School work in the State, but the amount collected was not reported to the Clerk.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted. (See report F.)

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted. (See report G.)

The report on family prayer and prayer meetings was read and adopted. (See report H.)

In accordance with the report on Sunday Schools, as amended by the resolution appended, the following committee was appointed: B. F. Hester, Samuel L. Howard, G. W. Watkins, Ruffin Woody, J. G. Morgan and Woodson Duncan.

On motion, three delegates were appointed to represent the Association in the next session of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, to meet with the church at Warrenton, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1873, viz.: R. I. Devin, T. J. Horner, S. S. Hicks.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered

to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the present session.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Oxford, on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1874.

Elder Hufham preached at the stand at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Cobb at, 2 P. M.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

(A.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. M. MEADOWS, *In account with Flat River Association.*

DATE.	SOURCES.	Greensboro' Church.	Contingent Fund.	Church at Rome.	Greenville Students' Fund	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	TOTAL.
1872.									
Aug. 7	To cash from Mt. Zion Church		$ 3 00	$14 85		$ 9 89	$ 31 23	$ 4 53	$ 63 50
"	" " Tabb's Creek Church		1 50			4 75		50	6 75
"	" " Poplar Creek Church		2 00			8 50	7 00	7 00	24 50
"	" " Sandy Level Church		1 60					4 00	5 60
"	" " Mt. Harmony Church		1 00						1 00
"	" " Mill Creek Church		3 00				5 00	5 00	13 00
"	" " Amis Chapel Church		2 00	5 00		10 00	5 00	18 35	40 35
"	" " Concord Church		2 50			10 00	15 00	6 00	33 50
"	" " Mountain Creek Church		2 20			8 00	16 00	25 00	51 20
"	" " Bethel Church		2 50				5 00	4 82	12 32
"	" " Grassy Creek Church		2 70			10 90	15 00	15 00	43 60
"	" " New Light Church		2 00	3 05					5 05
"	" " Fellowship Church		1 00						1 00
"	" " Pleasant Grove Church		1 30						1 30
"	" " Olive Branch Church		2 00			2 27	4 00	2 28	10 55
"	" " Mt. Calvary Church		1 50						1 50
"	" " Corinth Church		1 50						1 50
"	" " Island Creek Church		2 00			18 75	20 00	18 75	59 50

"	"	"	Oxford Church	12 75	1 50	.....	2 50	14 75	23 00	27 00	81 50
"	"	"	Flat River Union Church	.....	2 00	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	2 00
"	"	"	Antioch Church	.....	2 00	.....	.. ..	.....	8 00	7 75	17 75
"	"	"	Hester's Church	10 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	9 54	27 13	10 28	67 95
"	"	"	Tally Ho Church	.....	1 50	.....	.. ..	4 00	8 00	8 00	21 50
"	"	"	Public Collection	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	7 80	7 80	.....	15 60
				$22 75	$45 30	$26 90	$6 50	$119 15	$197 16	$164 26	

CR.

1872.			
Aug. 7	By cash paid Elder J. B. Richardson, for Church at Greensboro'	$ 22 75	
"	" " Elder J. D. Hufham, Ag't	498 37	
"	" " Elder J. J. Lansdell, for incidental expenses	45 30	
"	" " J. G. Williams, Treasurer B. S. C	15 60	
	Total	$582 02	$582 02

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MEADOWS,
Treasurer F. R. A.

The above account has been examined and found correct.

R. H. MARSH, *Auditor.*

(B.)

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of our benevolent operations is designed to supply the parts of our destitute of Baptist preaching with the gospel as understood by us as Baptists. In this sense the destitution in variaus localities is immense. Almost every Association in the State embraces within its bounds or in its adjacent territory sections more or less destitute of Baptist preaching. In some instances whole counties, in others parts of counties containing areas of from twenty-five to fifty miles square, and many flourishing towns and villages, some of which are now, and others promise to be, great centers of trade and influence, know comparatively nothing of Baptist principles and practices. In our own Association there are large and inviting fields of labor. We would mention particularly Kittrells, the section in and around Townesville and along the Virginia line to Warren, and a large territory in the south-western part of the Association lying between Knap of Reeds, Hillsboro and Antioch. To supply this destitution the State Board is doing what it can, but its means in comparison with the extent of the destitution, are limited. We must and ought to look after our own destitution.

Our State missionaries are laboring faithfully in some of the most important points in the State. Dr. Walters at Weldon, Littleton and Kittrells; Elder Richardson at Greensboro; Elder Howel at Hickory Station; Elder Moody at Morganton; Elder Jordan at Winston and Thomasville; and Elder Simpson at Plymouth. These brethren and others in various places are trying to build up self-sustaining churches, and are looking to the churches for sympathy and cooperation. Let us not fail in our duty, but work on patiently, and success may be confidently expected.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH, *Ch'n.*

(C.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are gratified at the increasing interest manifested in the Sunday School work among the churches of this Association.

The importance of the work fully justifies the effort now being made in this direction. Therefore, we would recommend every church to establish Sunday Schools, and labor earnestly to keep them up, with the assurance that their labors will not be in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HOBGOOD,
J. W. PITTARD,
D. VAUGHAN.

Which report was amended by adding the following resolution, offered by Elder Marsh:

Resolved, That this Association adopt the plan of organization recommended by the Sunday School Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, viz.: The appointment of a Sunday School Executive Committee in every Association, and a sub-committee in every church, whose duty it shall be to organize a Sunday School and Sunday School Missionary Society in every Baptist church and in every destitute neighborhood where practicable, and report Sunday School statistics to the Central Executive Committee, and contributions to the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board or the Treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

(D.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The condition of our Foreign Mission work is at this time encouraging. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention have mission stations in China, Italy and Africa which must be sustained. God in his Providence is opening new and inviting fields for missionary effort which ought to be occupied. But this can not be done without increased liberality on the part of our brethren at home.

The Foreign Mission Board is just at this time in great need of funds to meet their obligations. The Corresponding Secretary says: "The Board is merely the agent of the churches, and is utterly helpless without they furnish the means for the work. Our missionaries must suffer or be re-called, if their support is not provided." Again he says: "The policy which the Board is striving to establish is, *Rigid economy, no debt*, and *gradual progress*."

We recommend the circulation of the *Home and Foreign Journal*, and we urge the brethren especially to increase their liberality in the great work of spreading the gospel throughout the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. DEVIN.

(E.)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We deem it a cause of legitimate self-gratulation and sincere and devout gratitude to God that our denomination in this State, as in neighboring States, is awaking to a fuller appreciation of the claims of education as a potent means to be made subservient to the Redeemer's Kingdom and the dissemination and establishment "of the faith once delivered unto the saints."

To this end, we would urge upon the brethren to seek to establish upon a firm and lasting foundation our own denominational institutions of learning. We mention first our own Wake Forest College, believing that this year will be memorable in its history as the year of its endowment, that future generations may look back with gratitude when they remember the noble deeds done by the friends of our College in the year 1873. Wake Forest College has already had an eminent career of usefulness and has been a power in the land for good; and with an endowment it would be still more extensively useful in the future. It therefore has claims on our contributions, our patronage and our prayers.

Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, now firmly established with a full faculty of experienced teachers, and thoroughly equipped for the work of higher female education, has special claims on our patronage, on account of our excellent brother F. P. Hobgood being from our midst, who, with his excellent associates, merits our entire confidence, and only needs the patronage of the denomination to make it one of the first institutions of learning for females in the South.

Bro. T. J. Horner and Son (W. D. Horner) having removed their school from Tally Ho to Henderson, N. C., and opened with flattering prospects, it is well worthy of our encouragement.

We would not forget the claims of our Theological Seminary located at Greenville, S. C., deeply regretting that it has received so small a proportion of our contributions in the past; and recommending the importance of its work in giving to the denomination an educated Baptist ministry, we would express the earnest hope that Greenville Theological Seminary may have in the future our liberal support.

And while we yield to none in our admiration of a religious education, we feel as Baptists that we should teach the people that a mere knowledge of letters is different from a spiritual knowledge of Christ.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
H. W. REINHART,
J. T. HOWELL.

(F.)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, This goodly land of ours is still greatly cursed by the liquor traffic; and,

Whereas, We learn with special regret, that some of our brethren are either directly or indirectly engaged in this ruinous traffic and in the use of intoxicating beverages; therefore,

Resolved, That as an Association we will constantly discountenance this traffic and do all in our power to drive it not only from our churches but also from our land.

Resolved, That while we would not make a moderate use of intoxicating liquors a test of fellowship, we do earnestly recommend to every Baptist a total abstinence from everything that can intoxicate, except for mechanical or medicinal purposes, on the principle of the apostle: "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MONTAGUE,
RICHARD PEED,
C. S. CHANDLER, *Com.*

(G.)

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We know that Bro. J. H. Mills was an able and efficient editor of our organ, the *Biblical Recorder,* and are sorry that he felt it his duty to retire from its management. His successor, Elder A. F. Redd, is one of our ablest men, and gives promise of making it equally, even more useful. By using a smaller type he has largely increased the quantity of reading matter, and improved the appearance of the paper.

We think it a paper of which our denomination may justly be proud, and heartily commend it, advising every head of a family to take it.

We also call attention to *Kind Words,* an excellent Sunday School paper published by Elder S. Boykin, Atlanta, Ga.; also to the *Home and Foreign Journal,* edited by Rev. J. C. Long, Charlottesville, Va., as the only source from which the Association may obtain full information concerning our missionaries and their work.

B. F. HESTER, *Ch'n.*
J. D. PARHAM,
H. STOVAL.

(H.)

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

We feel that we are too indifferent to these duties; that we miss many refreshing seasons by failing to discharge especially the duty of family devotion, and that revivals of religion would be more frequent if we were more constant in prayer both around the fireside and at church. We believe that it is the christian duty of the head of every family professing faith in Christ to pray daily with his family, and that it is the duty of the churches to keep up prayer meetings and of the members to attend them.

Respectfully submitted,

FIELDING KNOTT,
W. S. BARNETT,
E. C. COLEY.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

Churches.	Delegates.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,..	C. H. Frazier, C. S. Chandler, J. H. Overby,*..	2 00	125 00	4 33	4 34	4 33	....	2	1	....	3	1	97
Antioc,.....	R. B. Trim, J. M. Burton, Wm. Satterfield*..	1 50	100 00	3 12	3 13	.....	....	1	....	4	1	....	44
Bethel.....	S. C. Humphries, D. A. Harris, T. A. Day....	2 00	100 00	3 63	3 62	.....	12	4	1	2	2	1	123
Concord†.....	J. W. Dally,* E. C. Coley, D. Vaughan.....	2 00	150 00	3 33	3 33	3 34	....	....	1	55	....	1	97
Corinth.....	J. W. Pittard, W. N. Gooch,* G. W. Averett..	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1	....	....	....	2	103
Fellowship....	T. H. Perry,* F. J. Bailey,* W. J. Mangum*..	1 50	75 00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	1	1	84
Flat R. Union..	Thos. Green, R. Peed, J. P. Montague	2 00	260 00	....	.....	.....	6	....	....	....	1	....	103
Grassy Creek..	A. H. Gordon, L. B. Stone, W. J. Wilkerson..	2 00	225 00	7 92	7 93	5 28	....	....	....	10	3	9	301
Hester's.....	J. B. Hobgood, F. Knott, B. F. Hester.....	3 00	260 00	9 45	24 99	8 51	16	2	....	7	1	5	134
Island Creek...	Wm. H. Green, Caleb Knott,† D. V. Knott...	2 00	150 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	23	3	1	5	1	4	82
Mill Creek.....	J. J. Lansdell, J. W. Hunt, T. E. Montague...	3 00	100 00	15 00	.....	.....	23	1	....	5	....	2	159
Mt. Calvary ‡..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50
Mountain Creek	B. D. Frazier, W. W. Eakes, Jos. Hart.....	3 00	.....	13 33	13 34	.....	9	2	1	6	1	....	231
Mt. Zion.....	A. D. Frazier, Chas. Currin, Crudup Currin...	3 25	.....	2 00	30 20	25	23	2	....	4	1	....	150
Mt. Harmony..	Wm. Latta,* J. W. Phillpott,* Geo. F. Knott,	1 00	42 50	.....	3 40	.....	....	1	....	....	....	....	32
New Light.....	Thos. Ward,* Wm. Lassiter, E. B. Rogers,*..	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	3	2	210
Oxford.....	W. S. Barnett, J. I. Moore, T. T. Grandy.....	1 50	.....	20 00	6 00	14 00	....	....	....	3	....	....	60
Olive Branch..	H. Stovall, B. H. West, C. F. Santford.....	2 75	100 00	.....	.....	.....	....	2	....	1	1	3	140
Pleasant Grove.	G. W. Rogers,* J. W. Fuller,* E. Rogers*....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	1	2	46
Poplar Creek...	A. D. Parham, J. E. Callis, S. M. Parish.....	2 00	100 00	1 53	1 54	1 53	1	....	....	....	2	1	97
Sandy Level...	C. J. Rogers,* James Olmsted*.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	....	1	....	1	1	....	1	25
Tabb's Creek...	A. C. Parham,* C. W. Parham,* John Howell,	1 00	80 00	1 00	1 00	.....	14	....	....	....	....	2	61
Tally Ho.....	F. M. Meadows,* W. H. Thomason,* S. Peed,	1 60	.....	1 92	1 92	1 91	15	1	....	8	2	2	92
		43 60	.....	93 56	111 74	46 15	160	22	6	111	24	39	2,521

*Absent, †Colored members dismissed, ‡Membership of last year.

TABLE No. 2.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	R. Amis	New Hope Mills	1st Sab. and Sat. before
Antioc	E. J. Montague	Center Grove	W. C. Rogers	Roxboro'	3rd " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	W. H. Lawson	Roxboro'	1st " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley		D. Vaughan	Dutchville	2nd " "
Corinth	J. S. Purefoy	Forestville	J. M. Howell	Oxford	4th " "
Fellowship	E. F. Beacham		T. H. Perry	New Light	4th " "
Flat River Union	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. H. Peed	Knap of Reeds	3rd " before and 1st Sab.
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads,	4th " " and 2nd "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh		Jos. Howard	Oxford	2nd " " and 4th "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro'	3rd " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague		T. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	4th " "
Mt. Calvary					
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin		P. Blacknall		1st and 3rd Sab.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague		H. C. Sweney	Mt. Tirzah	2nd Sab. and Sat. before
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	Isaac M. Day		1st " "
New Light	J. R. Underwood		John Norwood	New Light	2nd " "
Oxford					
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague		W. T. Humphries	Blue Wing	3rd " "
Pleasant Grove	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton	J. W. Fuller	Wilton	1st " "
Poplar Creek	J. A. Stradley		Geo. W. Wright	Henderson	4th " "
Sandy Level	J. P. Montague	Tally Ho			4th " "
Tabb's Creek	T. J. Horner		W. A. Parham		3rd " "
Tally Ho	T. J. Horner		F. M. Meadows	Tally Ho	2nd " "

TABLE No. 3.—SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

Churches.	Superintendents.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.
Amis' Chapel		1	3	20	.....
Antioc		1	....	....	.....
Bethel		1	5	60	80
Corinth	J. W. Gordon	1	....	40	.....
Flat River Union		1	....	....	.....
Hester's		....	....	....	7
Island Creek		....	....	....	12
Mill Creek (at Roxboro')	J. J. Lansdell	1	4	25	15
Mountain Creek		1	....	....	.....
Olive Branch		1	8	51	.....
Oxford	T. T. Grandy	2	....	....	.....
Poplar Creek	E. C. Montague	....	....	....	9

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE:

Corinth	$226 00
Tally Ho	140 00
Hester's	500 00

TO AID THE CHURCH AT HICKORY STATION.

Corinth	$10 00
Tabb's Creek	3 50
Tally Ho	7 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Hester's	$ 15 00
Flat River Union	225 00
Oxford contributes to Indian Missions	$1 06
Dr. Yates	5 00
Greenville Seminary	7 00

Note.—Several of the letters from the Churches mention the fact of contributions having been made for the endowment of Wake Forest College, but do not state the amount; other churches that had contributed liberally say nothing on the subject, while a few give nothing for any object of benevolence, pay their pastors poorly, and are making no improvement at home.

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

OXFORD, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 11–13, 1874.

ELDER J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator, Oxford.
ELDER J. J. LANSDELL, Clerk, Roxboro'.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and, at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and noes.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution or Laws.

PROCEEDINGS.

OXFORD, GRANVILLE CO., N. C., Aug. 11th, 1874.

The Association met with the church at Oxford, at 11 o'clock, in its eighty-first session, pursuant to the last annual adjournment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Horner, of Henderson, from John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

After intermission and refreshments, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. A. Stradley, and opened with devotional services; prayer being lead by Elder Underwood.

Letters from the churches were read, the delegates enrolled, when the Association proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Moderator, J. A. Stradley; Clerk, J. J. Lansdell; Treasurer, T. T. Grandy.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Services—The Pastor and Deacons of Oxford Church.

On Home Missions—R. I. Devin, R. Elam, R. P. Norwood.

On Foreign Missions—R. H. Marsh, S. S. Hicks, Alex. Barnett.

On Education—J. E. Montague, R. Amis, R. Peed.

On Periodicals—F. R. Underwood, E. Dalby, R. Frazier.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Hunt, Thos. J. Montague, J. A. Watkins.

On Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer—J. P. Montague, E. H. Jones, John Hunt.

On Time and Place, and Preachers for the next session—A. C. Parham, Wm. Green, Junius Harris.

On Temperance—F. M. Meadows, R. H. Marsh, T. J. Montague.

On motion the Association adjourned until to-morrow, 9½ o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder J. E. Montague.

Religious services were held at night by Elder J. E. Montague, at the Orphan Asylum, and Elder Wingate preached in the Baptist Church.

August 12th, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Association met at the Baptist Church pursuant to adjournment—the Moderator in the Chair. Devotional services were conducted by Elder Hufham.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and accepted by Elder W. M. Wingate and Elder C. E. Taylor of the Central Association; Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention; and Rev. C. T. Bailey, of Warrenton.

Elder R. I. Devin read the report on State Missions, and a motion was made for its adoption. Pending the motion, the Association was addressed by Elder Hufham, giving a statement of the progress of the State Mission work in the State; by Elder Devin, who directed special attention to Winston as a mission station; by Elder Wingate, who gave an interesting account of the progress in erecting houses of worship in towns in the western part of the State, urging the importance and showing the progress of Baptists in occupying that important and inviting field; and by Elder Horner, on the value of the soul, and the importance of cultivating destitute points in our own Association first.

After further remarks by Elders Wingate and Marsh, the report was laid on the table, to be taken up the first business this afternoon.

The Committee on Education submitted a report, and a motion was made for its adoption. Pending the motion, the Association was addressed by Elder J. S. Purefoy, in special advocacy of the claims of Wake Forest College, but he thought that so much of the report as represents an increasing interest on the subject of Education in the denomination is not sustained by present statistics. Elder Lansdell thought that general statistics do not represent the status of the Baptists on this subject, but that the report does truly represent the facts as generally connected with the denomination. Elder Horner thought that Elder Purefoy's remarks had a tendency to exalt human appliances, and to give the glory to these instead of to God; that there was a disposition to laud ministers educated at Wake Forest College, to the disparagement of others. Elder Purefoy disclaimed any such intention as imputed to him.

On motion, the report was re-committed for special amendments as to the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

The Committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship submitted their report, and a motion was made for its adoption. Pending the motion, remarks were made by Brother A. C. Parham, Elder Wingate, Brother S. S. Hicks, and Elder J. P. Montague, after which, the report was adopted. (See report A.)

On motion the Association adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

The report on State Missions was taken up. Remarks were made by Elders Hufham and Marsh, and a collection of $105.00 taken for State Missions, after which, the report was adopted. (See report B.)

On motion, Elder C. E. Taylor was allowed an opportunity to make an effort to raise contributions to build a house of worship in Carey.

The report on Education was again presented in its original form, and after some discussion, it was adopted. (See report C.)

The following was then offered by the Clerk:

Resolved, That Elder Wingate be requested to furnish information in regard to the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

And, on motion, this matter was laid on the table until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder Underwood, and a motion made for its adoption. Pending said motion, a motion was made to adjourn till to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer being offered by Brother A. C. Parham, the Association accordingly adjourned to the said time.

Elder Hufham preached in the Methodist Church to-day at 11 o'clock, and Elder Purefoy at 3 o'clock, and Elder Bailey in the Baptist Church at night.

August 13, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the Chair. Devotional services conducted by Elder J. P. Montague.

On motion of Elder Marsh, Brother F. P. Hobgood was invited to make statements in regard to the Female Seminary, at Raleigh, in connexion with the subject of Education, to be taken up under the resolution offered by Elder Lansdell, yesterday, in regard to information concerning the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

On motion, said subject was taken up, and remarks were made by Elders Wingate and Hufham, with special reference to the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College. Brother F. P. Hobgood made interesting statements in regard to the Female Seminary at Raleigh, and the importance of female education.

The following is Elder Wingate's statement:

"During the past year there have been thirteen young brethren at Wake Forest College, having the ministry in view, and supported in whole or in part by the contributions of the churches. They have manifested a commendable degree of diligence in their studies, and give promise of usefulness in the future.

"The college year closed in June, leaving on the Board of Education a debt of one hundred and five dollars"

On motion, it was resolved that the collection after the Missionary Sermon be appropriated to the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

On motion, the Association then took a recess to hear the Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Elder Devin, from Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The subject was discussed under the following heads: 1st, We should give liberally; 2nd, We should give cheerfully; 3rd, We should give prayerfully; 4th, We should give systematically; 5th, The blessedness of giving. These positions were ably enforced by argument, abounding in scripture quotations, and the sermon was a good one.

After the sermon a collection was taken for the object heretofore designated, which, added to other collections for the same purpose, amounted to $50.00.

The Association being called to order by the Moderator, on motion, adjourned for 1½ hours.

AFTERNOON.

The report on Periodicals was taken up, and after remarks by Elder Landsdell and Brethren J. J. Meadows and E. H. Jones, was adopted. (See report E.)

The report on Time and Place and Preachers for the next session was read, recommending Tally Ho as the place, Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1875, as the time, and Elder J. E. Montague to preach the Introductory and Elder F. R. Underwood to preach the Missionary Ser-

mon, which, on motion, was amended by substituting Mt. Zion in the place of Tally Ho, and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Brother F. M. Meadows, and after a long discussion, participated in by several brethren, was adopted. (See report E.)

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder Marsh and adopted. (See report F.)

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted. (See report G.)

The Treasurer's report was presented, adopted and ordered to be printed. (See report H.)

Resolved, 1*st*, That the ministers and delegates of this Association be, and they are hereby requested, to try to collect not less than twenty cents per member of their respective churches, during the coming year, to be sent up and divided among the several objects of the Flat River Association as they may direct.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That this be done in order to give the Association more time to discuss the subjects of Sunday Schools, Family and Social Prayer Meetings and other objects claiming the immediate attention of the Association, and to encourage each other in the divine life.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the present session, and to the Methodists and Presbyterians for the tender of their houses of worship for preaching.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes.

Elders Marsh, Underwood and Stradley were appointed delegates to represent this Association in the next session of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Mt. Zion, on Tuesday after the first Thursday in August, 1875.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.

J. J. Lansdell, Clerk.

Elder Bailey preached at the Methodist Church to-day at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Wingate at 3 P. M.

(A.)

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

When the Master said, "ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you," He did not mean simply that we should cultivate habits of piety and devotion, but He meant more, He meant to tell us, that if we need His mercies and blessings, that we should ask Him for these favors as a child would ask his father for necessary food.

And his favors, He promises not in the ordinary course of nature, but He promises the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer. And when we ask for the Holy Spirit we should expect its convicting, converting and sanctifying influences on our souls.

And let it be remembered that these divine influences are miraculous as the direct power of God within us which we should realize. We should not be content to ask and not receive, but we should ask as the hungry child would, and continne to ask until the favor is granted. Thus, instead of saying our prayers as a *mere* duty, we should not be satisfied without *realizing* the divine favor.

In our Prayer Meetings and Family Worship we should ask for our daily bread, and expect that the Kingdom of God would come into our hearts, and when God is within us we have power to shut the gates of hell and open the doors of heaven to our souls.

But when God is working in us, our prayers in our family and in our social meetings, becomes our most delightful enjoyment. We realize that it is a very great privilege to return thanks to God for all his mercies and blessings, and are happy in expectation of a continuation of whatever is for our greatest good.

To what extent these great privileges are enjoyed among us, we are not prepared to report, but fear that we come far short of our great privilege in this respect.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
E. H. JONES,
JNO. W. HUNT.

(B.)

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of Christian effort is designed to supply the destitute parts of our own State with Baptist preaching. The field is large and inviting, while the State Mission Board is doing all they can to cultivate it, yet they are doing but little in comparison with what ought to be done. The Board is merely the agent of the churches, and is helpless unless they are furnished the means for the work. Funds are greatly needed just at this time, and there is, therefore, an imperative demand for increased liberality on the part of our churches. As men, as citizens, and as christians, we ought to feel a deep interest in this department of benevolent enterprise. We are under the strongest obligations to labor and pray and give for home evangelization.

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. DEVIN, *Ch'n.*

(C.)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"Knowledge is power." Education enables us more readily to obtain knowledge in such shape as will be most available for power. We, as Baptists, holding fast and contending earnestly for the "faith once deliverep

to the Saints," and as such, realizing our great responsibility, should desire great power to do great good, Hence we *must educate.*

We are gratified to know that there is an increasing interest on the subject of Education in our denomination. There has been a noble effort to endow our leading institutions, and we trust there will be no relaxation of that work till Wake Forest College shall have been fully and completely endowed.

We would recommend to the patronage of our brethren all of our Baptist schools, and especially those within the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MONTAGUE,
R. AMIS,
R. PEED.

(D .)

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder edited by Rev. A. F. Redd, commends itself to the patronage of this Association and deserves a place in every Baptist family in the State. We earnestly request every Minister in the Association to exert himself to extend its circulation.

Kind Words is a good Sunday School paper, published at Macon, Ga., with which every Sunday School ought to be supplied.

The Foreign Mission Journal, formerly the Home and F. Mission Journal but now published entirely in the interests of Foreign Missions, gives much valuable information in regard to Missionary operations in Foreign lands.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, *Ch'n.*

(E .)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

PREMABLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas we believe the promiscuous sale of ardent spirits to be an unmitigated curse to any people: And whereas we believe the use of ardent spirits except as a medicine, to be one of the greatest sins a man can commit against himself, against society, against christianity and against God; Therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we as an Association will not hold in fellowship any church that will uphold any of her members in the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved 2nd, That we will faithfully use all prudent means to bring about *Total Abstinence* from the use of all intoxicating liquors, except *strictly* for medicinal purposes.

F. M. MEADOWS.
R. H. MARSH,
T. J. MONTAGUE.

(F .)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

Contributions—During last conventional year $32.770.13 were received for general Missionary purposes. This amount exceeds that of the previous year by $4,000, and the average receipts of the last six years by $10,000. The Board at its last report was free of all debt, and was instructed to pay its missionaries quarterly, in advance, for the future. The contributions of the Association have been during the year about $200.00. We recommend

that the pastors of this Association be earnestly requested to secure a contribution by the next Association, from all the churches. Our part of the State apportionment will be about one third more than our present contributions—say $300.00

African Missions—The F. M. Board appropriated only about $600 to this field. Notwithstanding this partial suspension of the work, our missionaries have continued their labors at their own charges, and with much suffering. Such a spirit of consecration and self-denial is worthy of all praise, and should stimulate the churches to generous aid.

China Missions—Bro. J. B. Hartwell, Missionary at Tung Chow is now preaching at Chefoo. The statistics of the latter church are as follows, viz: Baptized during the year, four; expelled one; present membership sixty-three; contributions $110 00; total income of church from all sources $224. This church bears its own expenses, except the Chapel rent.

At Tung Chow the work seems to be slowly but steadily advancing. Bro. T. P. Crawford says, slow but decided progress has been made in every department of our labors, and the church has grown considerably in moral power and knowledge. In a few years more we hope to see it stand alone, and do battle, in the name of Christ, against this hoary heathenism."

Its statistics are as follows: Sabbath-school fifty pupils; baptized three; received by letter three; excluded two; dead one—total fifty-two.

Shanghai—Statistics: Baptisms here and at Kwong San, eight; present membership sixty; contributions $842.86. Bro. Yates' voice is entirely gone. The pastor is a native of good report and attainments.

Canton—Present membership, about one hundred,—baptized seven; contributions $71.14.

Shin Hing:—Present membership, twenty—baptized three—contributions $20. At these two places there are seven native assistants.

Italian Missions—Bro. G. B. Taylor is engaged here in general work, with headquarters at Rome. The number of baptisms has not been officially reported, but there have been quite a number. There are eight stations well manned by laborers. Bro. Taylor says, "Let the brethren have patience and pray."

On the whole, taking the entire field into consideration, we find just what every worker in God's vineyard finds—much demand for faith and patience; but, at the same time quite enough fruit to encourage us to labor in hope. Let us therefore, address ourselves with renewed zeal to the great work of giving the gospel to the world.

(G .)

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is the most pleasant and profitable of all christian work. It is exceedingly pleasant to meet sweet young children and take them in our prayers and instruction to Jesus, that he may bless them. It is also most pleasant and profitable to meet christian brethren and friends to read the word, study the promises, cultivate the faith, strengthen the love and intensify all the christian graces: indeed christians cannot afford to neglect the Sunday-school.

Resolved therefore, that we earnestly recommend all christians, especially the members of churches composing this Association, to take their children to the Suuday.school every Sunday.

(H.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. T. GRANDY, *In account with the Flat River Association.*

DATE.	SOURCES.	Contingent Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday Schools	Dr. Yates.	Student's Fund
1873.								
Aug.	To cash from Amis' Chapel Church	$ 2 00	$ 4 00	$ 4 00	$ 5 00	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Antioch Church	1 50	.....	3 12	3 13	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Bethel Church	2 00	.....	3 62	3 62	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Concord Church	2 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Corinth Church	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Fellowship Church	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Flat River Union Church	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Grassy Creek Church	2 00	5 28	5 28	5 28	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Hester's Church	3 00	4 08	14 20	5 98	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Island Creek Church	2 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Mill Creek Church	3 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Mountain Creek Church	3 00	.....	13 33	13 83	$13 33	.....	.....
"	" " Mt. Harmony Church	1 00	.....	3 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Mt. Zion Church	3 25	25	30 20	2 00	.....	.....	.....
"	" " New Light Church	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	" " Oxford Church	1 50	14 00	6 00	20 00	.....	$5 00	$7 00
"	" " Olive Branch Church	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

"	"	"	Pleasant Grove Church	1 50							
"	"	"	Poplar Creek Church	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 60				
"	"	"	Sandy Level Church	1 50							
"	"	"	Tabb's Creek Church	1 00		1 00	1 00				
"	"	"	Tally Ho Church	1 60	1 91	1 91	1 93				
"	"	"	Public Collection		66 00	23 58	67 20	15 95			
			Total	$43 60	$104 02	$123 14	$157 57	$29 28	$5 00	$7 00	

CR.

1873. Aug.	By cash paid Elder J. D. Hufham for Foreign Missions					$123 14
"	"	"	"	"	Dr. Yates	5 00
"	"	"	"	"	Education	104 02
"	"	"	"	"	State Missions	157 57
"	"	"	"	"	Professor's Salary at Greenville	7 00
"	"	"	Elder N. B. Cobb for Sunday Schools			29 28
"	"	"	"	J. J. Lansdell, Clerk of Association,		43 60
						$469 61

RECAPITULATION.

Dr.		Cr.	
	$469 61		$469 61

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

Churches.	Delegates.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State. Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	R. Amis, J. F. Royster, T. T. Frazier,*	125 00	2 00	7 71	7 70	7 70	24	12	...	2	1	1	125
Antioc	W. C. Rogers,* J. T. Denny,* R. B. Trim,*	.....	2 00	2 27	2 27	2 28	....	....	....	.....	1	....	42
Bethel	S. P. Gentry, W. W. Horner, Ruffin Woody,*	.....	1 75	1 20	1 20	.....	3	1	...	6	2	3	116
Concord	N. C. Lyon, E. Dalby, E. C. Coley,	.....	2 00	8 58	2 25	7 83	5	....	....	....	2	1	98
Corinth	J. M. Howell, Alex. Barnett, L. Buchanan,	.....	1 50	2 00	1 00	2 00	....	....	....	1	1	1	100
Fellowship	W. J. Mangum,* Isaiah Dear,* J. H. Rogers,*	50 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	2	....	....	82
Flat River Union	R. Peed, M. C. Washington, H. Tilley,	160 00	2 00	7 25	10 25	2 50	....	....	....	2	5	....	108
Grassy Creek	R. T. Elam, R. E. Yancey, S. Y. Ragsdale,	.....	1 30	8 00	8 00	6 00	10	....	....	28	7	3	273
Hester's	F. B. Hester, Joseph Howard, R. H. Frazier,	.....	3 00	16 21	34 64	10 71	...	1	...	6	3	5	121
Island Creek	R. G. Norwood, Uriah Cutts,* S. Green,	150 00	2 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	...	2	1	....	5	2	75
Mill Creek	J. J. Lansdell, J. W. Hunt, T. J. Montague,	.....	3 00	5 62	5 63	.....	17	2	2	2	2	1	177
Mt. Calvary†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins, W. T. Eakes, G. W. Hart,	225 00	2 00	8 16	19 66	.....	...	2	1	16	4	1	210
Mt. Harmony	George F. Knott,*	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	9	....	....	....	....	1	41
Mt. Zion	J. J. Meadows, E. H. Jones, R. Averett,	.....	2 50	23 10	47 15	.....	1	5	....	3	2	1	150
New Light	W. H. Lassiter, J. A. J. Penny,* J. Z. Allen,*	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	...	....	.....	1	3	4	196
Oxford	J. W. Hunt, T. T. Grandy, Rob. S. Barnett,	450 00	1 50	23 00	31 00	20 00	9	10	....	....	....	....	79
Olive Branch	T. H. Stout, J. G. Norwood, E. J. Ramsey,	100 00	2 50	6 75	8 75	.....	1	4	....	....	3	3	130
Pleasant Grove	Willie Rogers, J. B. Knight. H. Freeman,*	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	45
Poplar Creek	S. S. Hicks, E. L. Parish,* W. P. Mangum,	100 00	2 30	5 92	5 92	5 91	12	.....	....	....	3	....	105
Sandy Level†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Tabb's Creek	A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham, A. W. Parham,*	80 00	1 00	1 05	1 05	1 15	....	....	....	....	....	....	40
Tally Ho	F. M. Meadows, J. Usry, Junius Harris,*	100 00	1 50	5 58	5 33	8 33	2	4	....	4	....	2	102
			39 35	152 40	201 80	79 41	93	43	4	73	44	29	2,491

*Absent. †From last years' report.

TABLE No. 2.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	R. Amis.	New Hope Mills.	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioc	E. J. Montague	Center Grove	J. L. Timberlake.		3rd " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Woodsdale	S. C. Humphries.		1st " "
Corinth					4th " "
Fellowship	J. A. White		T. H. Perry	New Light	4th " "
Flat River Union	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford	W. H. Peed.	Knap of Reeds	
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin				4th S. and S. before and 2d S.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh				2d " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		J. H. Norwood.	Williamsboro	3rd " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague		T. J. Montague	Woodsdale	4th " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads.	P. Blackwell	Oak Hill	1st " " 3rd S.
Mt. Harmony	E. J. Montague		H. C. Sweaney	Mt. Tirzah	2d " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	Iaasc N. Day	Berea	1st " "
New Light	E. F. Beacham.	Franklinton	John Norwood	New Light	2d " "
Oxford	F. R. Underwood	Oxford	T. T. Grandy	Oxford	1st and 3rd Sab.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague		W. W. Humphries.	Blue Wing	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Layton		J. W. Fuller	Wilton	1st " "
Poplar Creek	J. A. Stradley		G. W. Wright	Henderson	4th " "
Tabb's Creek	T. J. Horner		W. A. Parham		3rd " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh		F. M. Meadows	Tally Ho	1st " "

TABLE No. 3.—SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

Churches.	Superintendents.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of Religious Papers Taken
Amis' Chapel		2	6	60	
Bethel		2		96	
Corinth	J. W. Gordon	1		42	
Flat River Union		1			
Grassy Creek	R. E. Yancey, F. B. Hester	2			
Island Creek	P. B. Sneed, J. G. Morgan	2		65	
Mill Creek	J. J. Lansdell	1	4	20	10
Mountain Creek		1			
Oxford	T. T. Grandy	2	10	38	12
Oxford, (Oak Grove,)	E. C. Montague		5	21	
Olive Branch		1	6	41	

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

Concord	$ 4 34
Hester's	5 00
Island Creek	15 00
Mountain Creek	8 17
Oxford	1 00
Labb's Creek	1 00
Tally Ho	5 60

GREENVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Hester's	$12 05
Oxford	15 00

FOR GREENSBORO' CHURCH:

Tally Ho	$3 75

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Amis' Chapel Church, Granville Co., N. C.

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1876.

RALEIGH:
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PROCEEDINGS.

AMIS' CHAPEL, GRANVILLE CO., N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 15th, 1876.

The Flat River Baptist Association met in its Eighty-third Session with the church at this place to-day.

Elder R. I. Devin preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah 46 : 10, Josh 24 : 15.

After a short recess, the Association was called to order by Brother J. E. Montague, the former Moderator.

After singing the hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom Lord," was lead in prayer by A. McDowell, D.D.

Letters from the churches were read, and names of the delegates enrolled,

After which, the Association balloted for officers, resulting in the election of Elder F. R. Underwood, Moderator; B. F. Hester, Clerk; and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

A letter from North Fork Church, Va., asking for admission into this body, was read, and the church was unanimously received.

An invitation to visiting brethren, was accepted by Dr. McDowell, President of Chowan Female Baptist Institute; Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of *Religious Herald;* Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of *Recorder* and Agent of Board of Education of Wake Forest College; Elder J. B. Richardson, Agent Baptist State Convention; Elders R. H. Griffith, of South Yadkin Association, and Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; J. K. Falkner and Wm Slate, of Dan River Association, Va.; J. S. Purefoy, of Central Association, Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College; and Brother F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Baptist Seminary.

The following Committees were announced :

On Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of the church.

On State Missions—Elder J. E. Montague and Brethren G. W. Pittard and B. D. Howard.

On Foreign Missions—Elder J. B. Richardson and Brethren Thos. Green and G. W. Averett.

On Education—Elder T. J. Horner and Brethren F. Knott and T. J. Montague.

On Periodicals—Elder J. A. Stradley and Brethren J. L. Vaughn and S. C. Hobgood.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren F. P. Hobgood, H. T. Knott and Ruffin Woody.

On Prayer Meeting and Family Prayer—Elder A. McDowell and Brethren Rufus Amis and J. G. Morgan.

On Temperance—Brethren E. C. Montague, A. C. Parham and W. W. Hill.

On Time and Place and Preachers for Next Session—Brethren R. Amis, H. Stoval and S. C. Humphries.

On motion the following additional committees were appointed :

On Home Missions—Elder C. T. Bailey and Brethren Wiley Rogers and E. J. Ragsdale.

On Systematic Beneficence—Elders J. A. Stradley and J. K. Falkner and Brother J. J. Meadows.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.
Prayer by Elder A. McDowell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Called the roll of delegates and read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

The church at Sandy Level asked for a letter of dismission, which was granted.

The Committee on Education submitted the following :

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

If we would retain our respectability as a denomination and perform our christian obligations to the succeeding generation, we must thoroughly educate our sons and daughters. To cultivate the minds and hearts of our children is a duty we owe to them, to ourselves and to our Saviour, and we regard those parents who do not, up to the full extent of their ability, afford their children all the facilities of a liberal education, as extremely direlect in duty. We are pleased to report that our brethren seem to fully appreciate the importance of female education, and that our excellent female schools have, during this associational year, received liberal patronage; but we fear that our brethren are sadly and criminally neglecting the education of their sons.

Your committe would call the attention of the Association to the interest of Wake Forest College which we ought to make worthy of the great denomination in whose interest it is laboring. We are pleased to recommend as worthy of public patronage and confidence the Raleigh Female Seminary and the Chowan Baptist Female Institute.

T. J. HORNER,
F. KNOTT,
T. J. MONTAGUE.

It was thoroughly discussed by Elders Bailey, Purefoy, Horner, McDowell, Griffith and Brother F. P. Hobgood.

Adopted.

The following was adopted as the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The importance of the State Mission work is so well understood that we deem it unnecessary to make an elaborate report. We simply desire to call the attention of the Association to the fact that the State Mission Board has in its employ a number of faithful missionaries, who are laboring at important points in the State, and who are dependant upon the liberality of the churches for their support. We recommend that the pastors in this Association keep before their people the demands of the State Mission work, and urge them to contribute liberally and regularly to its support.

J. E. MONTAGUE,
B. D. HOWARD,
G. W. PITTARD.

Remarks by Elders Richardson, Bailey Griffith, Stradley,

Underwood, Devin, J. E. Montague and Brother A. C. Parham and Dr. McDowell.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

On motion, the Chairman of different Committees shall be allowed ten and other brethren five minutes in which to discuss the various reports during the remainder of the session.

Elder J. B. Richardson read the following report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last commandment of our Saviour summons and orders his people to this field of christian labor. And for the last fifty years no christian effort has He more signally blessed than that put forth to give the gospel to the heathen nations. Half a century ago there were of all evangelical denominations 40 ordained ministers laboring as foreign missionaries. Now there are 2,300. Then there was contributed per annum to this work $100,000, now $6,000,000. Then there were 40,000 heathen converts, now there are 500,000.

THE BAPTISTS IN THIS WORK.

In the providence of God the Baptists have been put foremost in this work. The first Bible society ever organized in London was by a Baptist. In modern times England's and America's first foreign missionaries were Baptists. And while we are contributing only one-ninth of the foreign mission fund, yet one-half of all the evangelical heathen converts are Baptists.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

of the Southern Baptist Convention has at present the following missionaries, with their assistants : In Central Africa, Brethren W. J. David and W. W. Colley; in Rome, Brother G. B. Taylor and wife; in Canton, China, Brethren R. H. Graves. N. B. Williams, with their families and Miss Whilden; in Shanghai, China, M. T. Yates and wife; in Tung Chow, China, T. P. Crawford and wife, Mrs. Holmes and the Misses Moon; At Chefoo, China, J. B. Hartwell and wife, who are now in this country, but expect soon to return to their field.

We earnestly recommend our churches to go forward in this great work, remembering our past success under the blessing of God, and faithfully surveying our prospects as now all heathen nations are opening their doors to us, while facilities unknown to our fathers are offered us. If we fail to do this we shall prove unworthy of the honor conferred by our Lord, unfaithful to the great trust committed to us, and traitor to Him who gave His life for us and our eternal salvation.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
G. W. AVERETT,
THOS. GREEN.

Which, after remarks by Elders J. B. Richardson and R. H. Griffith, was adopted.

The following is the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Moderate drinking is the first step to intemperance, and intemperance is a crying sin of our land;

Therefore, Resolved, That we arnestly recommend that the churches of this Association use all their influence to bring their members to total abstinence.

A. C. PARHAM,
E. C. MONTAGUE,
WM. W. HILL.

Which, after an animated discussion by Elders Stradley, Horner, Griffith and Purefoy, and Brother A. C. Parham, F. Knott, J. J. Meadows, R. Amis, — — Gordon, J. G. Morgan and B. F. Hester, was unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Horner.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder Richardson.

Roll was called and corrected. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder Stradley, and after a discussion of the subject by Elders Stradley, Bailey, McDowell, Devin and Purefoy, and Brethren Parham, Morgan, Pittard and Meadows, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee appointed to report on the above subject submit the following:

We heartily commend to all the members of our Association the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C., by Edwards, Broughton & Co., at $2.10 per annum, and edited by Elder C. T. Bailey, aided by Elders J. D. Huf ham and W. T. Walters, as a family and religious newspaper, well worthy of a place in every family. We earnestly recommend that every Pastor and every church member in the Association, who desires the promotion of piety, general intelligence and usefulness in your bounds, to do all you can to get the *Recorder* into every family.

We also commend *Kind Words*, edited by Elder S. Boykin, and published at Macon, Ga., at $1.10 per annum to single subscribers and 63 cents for clubs of ten or more, as an excellent paper for children and Sabbath Schools. The great object of this paper is, first to lead our children to embrace Jesus as their Savior, and then to indoctrinate them in Baptist faith and practice. This much needed work is well done by this paper.

A. A. STRADLEY.
SAMUEL HOBGOOD,
Committee.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood offered the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The letters from the churches show that twelve of them have Sunday Schools with an attendance of one thousand children, while the rest make no report. Most of this number, doubtless, have no Sunday School.

Your committee are of the opinion that Baptist churches that do not sustain Sunday Schools are neglecting a most important department of christian effort, and are failing to discharge the high obligations resting on them.

Your committee urge upon the churches the importance of this work, not only because it is a means of bringing the children to Christ and of training them for usefulness, but also because it is a means of grace to the members of the church engaging in it.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
H. T. KNOTT,
RUFFIN WOODY.

Which, after remarks by Elder Richardson, was adopted. The Moderator called for

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

The committee desire to report that they have performed the work assigned them at the last meeting of the Association.

Institutes have been held at the following times and places :

Fifth Sunday in October, at Enon Church.

Fifth Sunday in January, at Corinth Church.

Fifth Sunday in April, at Mountain Creek Church.

Fifth Sunday in July, at Poplar Creek Church.

The committee have found it desirable to include Saturday also, and have a two day's meeting. We are gratified to be able to report that considerable interest has been taken in these meetings, and that they have awakened a deeper and more general interest in the Sunday School work at large. We may add that the last meeting was regarded as the most interesting and successful of all. We recommend the appointment of another committee, conveniently located, for the ensuing year.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, *Chairman.*

Which was adopted, and

On motion, a Committee on this subject was continued, who shall hereafter make the only report on Sunday Schools.

This Committee is composed of Elder J. A. Stradley and Brethren T. T. Grandy and B. F. Hester.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was offered, and after interesting remarks by Elders J. K. Falkner, E. J. Montague and Underwood, was adopted.

The Committee offered the following report on

HOME MISSIONS,

called Domestic and Indian Missions, began in 1845 In thirty years over 35,000 souls have been converted by means of this Board. In 1846, there were about 400 Baptists in Texas; now the State has over 50,000 white and 20,000 colored Baptists. This increase is largely due to the Home Board. It has been a great blessing to many other Southern States. It has to a great extent cultivated *towns*, thereby correcting the great mistake of Bap-

tists. Of all the Epistles in the New Testament, the one to the Gallatians is the only one addressed to country churches.

The Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where the Southern Baptist Convention met in 1871, and the Collisseum Church in New Orleans where it is to meet in 1877, are both monuments to its memory. It has cul tivated many towns in North Carolina, as Edenton, Elizabeth City, Newbern, Goldsboro', Raleigh, Charlotte, &c. It is said to have helped Raleigh to support a Pastor from 1844 to 1852.

It has helped every State Board in the South.

In 1820 Elders J. M. Peck and James Welch were powerful workers in Missouri. At this time the Home Board was abolished by the North and these great workers were compelled to leave the State. The Baptist cause was carried back in the tide of time one-quarter of a century.

If this Board is abolished, a crushing blow will fall on our State Boards throughout the South as well as on the Foreign Boards for heathen lands. Catholicism, all kind of isms, as well as infidelity will be the result. Let prayers and alms go up for a memorial before God from every Baptist in North Caroiina.

INDIANS.

Their are eight missionaries among the Indians. We own their lands and paid them very little. The island on which stands the city of New York was bought for eight dollars. Let us repair the mighty wrong by sending them the Gospel.

C. T. BAILEY,
WILLIE ROGERS,
E. P. RAGSDALE.

After remarks by Elders Bailey and Underwood, it was adopted.

After an interesting discussion by Elders McDowell, Purefoy, Stradley and Devin and Brother E. J. Ragsdale, the following was adopted as the report on

PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

Of all the privileges which the gospel confers on our race, none are more valuable than the privilege of prayer. By it we are permitted to bring all our wants to God, and to ask him for all the good we need both in this life and in the life to come. It is eminently proper, therefore, that we should pray for ourselves ; for wisdom to guide, and grace to sustain us, in the duties, labors and trials of this life. If we use this privilege successfully for ourselves, we shall feel it to be a duty as well as a privilege, to pray in our families, that they, benefitted by the exercise and encouraged by our

example, may learn to pray for themselves. We shall also esteem it a duty which it would be crimiual to neglect, and a privilege too precious to be lightly esteemed, to join with those who have obtained like precious faith, in social prayer for the blessing of God upon the church, upon the community and upon the world.

Experience has proved that the blessing of God has rested in a most signal manner on those families and churches in which the privilege of prayer has been most highly esteemed and most faithfully used.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDOWELL,
R. AMIS,
J. G. MORGAN,

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers for next Session, recommend the following:

Mill Creek as the place; Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1877, as the time; Elder J. A. Stradley to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder F. R. Underwood to preach the Conventional Sermon at 11 o'clock on Wednesday of the session.

Accepted.

The Treasurer then made his report, which was received.

On motion,

Resolved, That we commend to the attention and liberality of our brethren the present effort to secure a sufficient and permanent endowment for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches composing the Flat River Association to unite with the churches composing the Tar River, Beulah and Mt. Zion Associations in raising $20,000 for a professorship in Wake Forest College to be called the Wait Professorship.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the agents of the college and in every suitable way aid in the work, and that $7,000 be considered the part necessary for this Association to raise.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions, a Committee was appointed consisting of Brethren T. T. Grandy, Jas. B.

Hobgood, Jno. J. Meadows, Jno. G. Morgan, Geo. W. Watkins and A. C. Parham.

Elders J. A. Stradley, R. I. Devin and E. J. Montague were appointed Associational Delegates to the next Session of the Baptist State Convention.

The Association adopted the following:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session

After singing, and prayer by Elder Bailey, the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2ND. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches, to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3RD. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence or the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Total.	Baptized.	Received by letter	Restored.	Dismissed by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	H. Stovall, E. W. Wilkerson, R. Amis,	$125 00	$ 2 50	$	$	$	$ 11 26	$	$ 13 76	6	6	2	4		1	134
Antioch	J. M. Burton,* J W. Denny, J. Yancey,		1 50	3 00	3 00				7 50		2					41
Bethel,	S. Crutchfield, R. Woody, S. C. Humphries,	100 00	2 00	2 75	2 75				7 50	1	8			1	1	130
Concord,	S. W. Walker, J. L. Vaughn, E. C. Coley,*	150 00	2 00	7 50	18 50	5 50	10 85		44 35				4	1	2	83
Corinth	J. T. Howell,* G W. Averett, Sim Tippett,		1 50	1 78	1 76	1 76	6 75	16 50	30 05	4	5	6				106
Enon,	F. Knott, S. C. Hobgood, R. T. Elam,	400 00	2 00	5 00	56 84	5 25	6 75		75 84	5	9	1		2		54
Fellowship	D. R. Weathers,* T. J. Bailey,* G. T. Peace,*		1 50						1 50	10	2			1		91
Flat River Union,	Thos. Green, J. F. Green, R. F. Peed		2 00		14 30		1 00		17 30		1	1	1	1		94
Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard, J. G. Pittard, E J. Ragsdale,		2 00	7 00	16 50	7 37	18 90		51 77	19	6	15	3	2		248
Hester's,	H. T. Knott, W. J. Royster, R. F. Knott	200 00	2 00	5 85	19 15	6 25	15 50		48 75	15	5	1	9	2	1	121
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, R. W. Murray, P. B. Sneed,	150 00	3 00	11 76	13 30		24 02		52 08	2	6		2			96
Mill Creek,	J. H. Gentry, E. D. Jones, T. J Montague,		3 00		5 33		9 00		17 33	13	1	1	12	3	2	136
Mountain Creek,	W. Eaks, Jas. Elliott, W. S. Eaks,		3 00	10 13	24 12		30 10		67 35	3	2		6	2	3	229
Mt. Zion	B. D. Howard, J. J. Meadows, Lu. O'Brian,		2 80	16 00	40 80	4 00	16 55	4 00	84 15	25	1		5	5	5	164
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague, H. C Sweeny, R. J. Davis,		1 00						1 00	3			4	3	1	38
New Light	D. Peed,* J. A. J. Penny,* W. J. Ward	100 00	2 00						2 00	2	1		5	4	2	
North Fork,	W. H. Wilburn, W. P. Wilkins, M. H. Hester	200 00														105
Oxford	T. T. Grandy,* N. B. Cannady, E. C. Montague,	450 00	1 50	21 02	65 38	31 50	20 30	9 26		6	5		6	1		71
Olive Branch	W. W. Hill, W. O. West, C. P. Sandford,		2 00	4 33	4 34	4 33			15 00		2		2			135
Pleasant Grove	Wiley Rogers, W. J. Rogers, J. B. Knight,		1 50				3 45		4 95						1	38
Poplar Creek,	J E. Callis,* S. O. Wilson, M N. Parrish,*		2 00	1 91	1 90	1 90	12 75		20 46	1	1		1	2		105
Sandy Level,	W. E. Glenn, W. D. Markham,		2 00						2 00	4	8	1	2		1	35
Tabb's Creek,	A. C. Parham, Alex. Dement,* E. T. Parham,		1 00	4 75	4 75				10 50						2	34
Tally Ho,	S. H. Carey,* J. P. Harris,* W. H. Daniel,*	100 00	1 50				5 50		7 00		2			1	1	84
		$45 30	$102 78	$292 72	$67 86	$192 68	$29 76	$582 14		119	72	5	63	29	32	2373

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	R. Amis	New Hope Mills.	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch			J. L. Timberlake	Long's X Roads.	
Bethel	J. E. Montague.	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	G. Vaughn	Dutchville	2d " " " "
Corinth	J. S. Purefoy	W. F. College	Sim Tippett	Oxford	4th " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	B. F. Hester	Oxford	4th " " " " and 3d Sab.
Fellowship	W. A. Barrett		T. H. Perry	Dutchville	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. H. Peed	Knap of Reeds	3d " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads	B. F. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro	2d " " " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague.	Bethel Hill	T. J. Montague	Bethel Hill	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads	P. Blackwell	Oak Hill	3d " " " " and 1st Sab.
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	J. N. Day	Berea	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. J. Montague.	Roxboro	H. C. Sweeny	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " " "
New Light	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton	J. W. Atkinson.	New Light	2d " " " "
North Fork	E. J. Montague.	Roxboro	J. W. Morris		4th " " " "
Oxford	F. R. Underwood	Oxford	W. S. Grandy	Oxford	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague.	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek	3d Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton	J. W Fuller	Wilton	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	F. R. Underwood	Oxford	G. W. Wright	Henderson	4th " " " "
Sandy Level	Jesse Howell	Green Level	S. D. Markham	Durham	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek	W. A. Barrett		W. A. Parham	Oxford	3d " " " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. T. Hunt	Tally Ho	1st " " " "

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Amis' Chapel		21		4	30
Antioch					
Corinth	James M. Howell, L. Hobgood		2	5	60
Enon	F. Knott		1	6	50
Grassy Creek	J. G. Pittard, G. N. Pittard, E. J. Ragsdale		3	12	147
Hester's	H. T. Knott		1	5	86
Island Creek	J. G. Morgan	Biblical Recorder, 14. Kind Words, 10		25	150
Mountain Creek					
Mt. Zion	E. Hawkins Jones				
North Fork					65
Oxford	T. T. Grandy, E. C. Montague	Kind Words, 25	2	15	122
Poplar Creek	G. W. Wright	Kind Words, 12		6	71
			9	78	781

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mill Creek Church, Person Co., N. C.,

August 14th, 15th & 16th, 1877.

MODERATOR.—F. R. UNDERWOOD,
CLERK.—R. AMIS.
TREASURER.—A. C. PARHAM.

RALEIGH:
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PROCEEDINGS.

MILL CREEK, Person Co., N. C.,
Tuesday, August 14th, 1877.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its Eighty-fourth Session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder J. A. Stradley preached the Introductory Sermon from 2nd Timothy, 1 : 13.

After intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder F. R. Underwood. Prayer by Bro. W. W. Humphries.

Letters from the churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder F. R. Underwood, Moderator; R. Amis, Clerk; and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us—accepted by Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder;* Elder R. H. Griffith, of South Yadkin Association, and Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Elder J. B. Richardson, Agent Baptist State Convention; Elder J. S. Purefoy, of Central Association, Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College; Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Seminary; and Elder J. K. Faulkner, of Dan River Association, Va., Assistant Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

State Missions—Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren W. H. Smith and J. R. Walters.

Foreign Misssions—Elder J. K. Faulkner, and Brethren W. D. Brooks and S. O. Wilson.

Education—Elder E. J. Montague, and Brethren W. W. Humphries and Wm. Biggs.

Periodicals—Elder R. H. Marsh, and Brethren John W. Pittard and J. G. Morgan.

Sabbath Schools—(Appointed last year)—Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren T. T. Grandy and B. F. Hester.

Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer—Elder J. S. Purefoy, and Brethren J. J. Meadows and W. C. Veazey.

Temperance—Elder R. I. Devin, and Brethren P. Blackwell and G. W. Pittard.

Home Missions—Elder J. J. Lansdell, and Brethren W. H. Wilbourn and E. C. Montague.

Systematic Beneficence—Brethren A. C. Parham, D. Peed and J. R. Berry.

Time, Place and Preachers for Next Session—Brethren D. A. Hunt, E. Winston and R. J. Davis.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M., to-merrow.
Prayer by Bro. E. Winston.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. A. C. Parham.

Roll of delegates called and minutes of yesterday's proceedings read.

On motion, the invitation extended by the Pastor of the M. E. Church, at Roxboro', offering the use of church building for religious services, was accepted.

On motion, Elder Griffith was permitted to address the Association on the claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The following report on Periodicals was offered:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, has for over forty years ably and faithfully "contended for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Under its present management, your committee is of opinion that it ranks among the very best representatives of Baptist faith and practice. It is a sound, vigorous, faithful and able defender and promoter of our denominational interests. As such—under God—it is a powerful instrumentality, if not necessity, in the maintenance and prosecution of all our church matters. Every Baptist family needs the *Recorder*, and every Baptist who aims at a high degree of influence and usefulness, must have it. We are sorry to know that it is not more generally read among our churches, and we recommend that the pastors exert themselves to the full extent of their ability to put it in every family connected with our churches, and that they give their personal attention in securing a full report in the annual church letters of its circulation in the fields of their labor.

We also commend *Kind Words*, edited by Elder S Boykin, and published at Macon, Ga., for the children and Sunday Schools; and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., for the dissemination of missionary information and interest.

R. H. MARSH,
JOHN W. PITTARD,
J. G. MORGAN,
Committee.

After being discussed by Elder Bailey and Bro. W. W. Humphries, further discussion was suspended till the afternoon, to allow time for the Conventional Sermon, which was preached by Elder F. R. Underwood, from 1st Cor. 1 : 23-24.

Intermission for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled. Prayer by Elder E. J. Montague.

Bro. S. H. Broocks, of Concord Association, Va., and Eld. John B. Turpin, of Dan River Association, Va., were invited to participate in our deliberations.

The report on Periodicals was further discussed by Elders Devin and Marsh, after which it was adopted.

A letter of dismission from the Beulah Association was presented by delegates from the Providence Baptist Church, and,

On motion, the church was accepted as a member of this Association.

Right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

The following report was offered on

EDUCATION.

In view of the renewed interest, generally manifested throughout the State, on the important subject of Education, your Committee can but reiterate the admonitions and advice of its predecessors on the same subject and impress upon the Association the vital necessity of a staunch support being extended our educational institutions.

If we would keep pace with the times and continue in the lead of other christian bodies, we must jealously guard, and liberally sustain our church schools and colleges. It is a sacred duty we owe our children to give them a sound, general, as well as Bible education, and the Association, in its representative capacity, should at every proper season encourage the performance of this duty.

The Committee is proud in being able to state that we have within our own Associational limits, and in the State, a number of first class schools, for both sexes, worthy of a generous patronage, and we heartily commend them to your consideration, viz: Thomas J. Horner, at Henderson; Mrs. M. A. Stradley, at Oxford; F. P. Hobgood, at Raleigh.

Information from Wake Forest College enables your Committee to report a satisfactory state of affairs.

The number of pupils is gradually increasing, and the endowment fund has now reached the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars.

But much remains yet to be done towards placing it in a still higher

sphere of usefulness, and your Committee would respectfully urge upon the Association the necessity of further aiding in extending its field of labor.

E. J. MONTAGUE,
W. W. HUMPHRIES,
WM. BIGGS,
Committee.

After full discussion by Prof. Mills, Elders Lansdell, Turpin, Griffith, Stradley and Marsh, the report was adopted.

A collection for Ministerial Education resulted in raising cash $30, and subscriptions $20.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Elder Faulkner.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opened with prayer by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read.

On motion, speeches on all questions are limited to five minutes.

A Form for Annual Reports was offered by Elder Marsh, and adopted. (See page 12.)

Elder J. A. Stradley read the following report on

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

There has been a meeting of our "Sabbath School Institute" held on each 5th Sabbath and Saturday before during the associational year, except in December, which was prevented by inclement weather. These meetings have been largely attended, and have, we think, awakened a deeper interest in Sabbath School singing and Sabbath School work generally than has ever been felt before in our bounds. We think the Sabbath School Statistics of the present session of this body, when published, will show an encouraging increase of work in this department of christian labor.

We are sorry that several of our churches are still doing nothing in this good work. Others, while doing something, are not manifesting that zeal which the importance of the work demands.

Several of the schools have adopted the "Little Leader" plan of raising funds for Sabbath School and Missionary purposes. We believe all that have tried this plan are pleased with it.

We recommend the continuation of our S. S. Institute, and consequently the appointment of a Committee to arrange for its meetings.

J. A. STRADLEY,
T. T. GRANDY,
B. F. HESTER,
Committee.

After full discussion by Elders Purefoy and Bailey, and Brethren Biggs, J. J. Meadows and S. O. Wilson, and Elders Devin and Stradley, and Brethren J. D. Parham and W. H. Smith, the report was adopted.

On motion, Elder R. H. Marsh, and Brethren A. C. Parham and Wm. Biggs were appointed as a Committee to conduct Sabbath School Institutes, and report on Sabbath Schools at next session of Association.

The following was offered on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee, appointed on yesterday, to report on Foreign Missions, beg leave to present instead the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, marked by signal dealings with our Missionaries abroad, we have mingled feelings of humility and gratitude: *And whereas*, We learn from the ample and full report of the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, made at its last session, that there is considerable falling off in contributions to the Board; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we urge upon the churches and, through them, upon the individual members to devise liberal things for our common Zion, and with the deep conviction that the work is one.

2. *Resolved*, That the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention receive a full share of our sympathy, prayers and contributions.

We call special attention to the fact that there are three of the Missionaries of the Board from China, viz: Brother and Sister Simmons, and Miss Lottie Moore, now in this country ready and anxious to return to their fields of labor so soon as the finances of the Board will justify.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. FAULKNER,
W. D. BROOKES,
S. O. WILSON,
Committee.

After discussion by Elders Faulkner and Richardson the report was adopted.

Elder J. A. Stradley read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is impossible to tell the vast amount of good that has been done in this department of christian effort. Societies, Boards or Committees to carry on this work have been in existence in our State ever since 1805. At that date there were not more that 150 churches, 105 ministers and 10,000 members. Now we have in the State 1,442 churches, 775 ministers and near 137,000 members. We can point to every place in the State, where our principles are firmly rooted, as evidence of the success of this work.

At present the State Board has only five missionaries laboring in Rockingham, Polkton, Gastonia, Dallas, Statesville, Salisbury and Morganton, with their surrounding country; also one in Tyrrell county, while there are as many more in the employ of Associations. In our mission field four churches have been constituted this year.

While much has been done, much remains yet to do. Near 600,000 of the people of our State are yet unconverted, and not less than ninety centers of great influence are now calling for the gospel. We are well able to possess the State for Christ.

Last year we fell short over $100.00 in our contributions to this work. This year we have given more than last; yet our Association is behind her former contributions. In view of the bountiful harvests of this year ought we not to increase our contributions? We are sorry that two or three of our churches are doing nothing at all for this or any of our benevolent enterprises.

There are important points enough in the bounds of our own Association, destitute of Baptist preaching, to employ all the time of a preacher. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the State Mission Board in regard to supplying this destitution.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. H. SMITH,
J. R. WALTERS,
Committee.

The above report was very thoroughly discussed by Elders Richardson, Stradley, Devin and Bailey, and Brother S. L. Howard, and adopted.

Report of Aid Committee for the

ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Your Committee held a meeting in Oxford in August of last year. They pledged their co-operation with Elder Jas. S. Purefoy as agent, and have, as far as practicable, aided him in the work. We advised taking subscriptions in three installments, the first of which is now due and is now being paid in. The amount to be raised by this Association is $7,000. The agent reports in subscriptions the amount of $7,400—but as there are always some losses in subscriptions we recommend that the amount be largely increased by the churches which are yet to be canvassed. Your committee are much gratified at the success of the work and would urge its prosecution to completion.

JOHN G. MORGAN,
J. J. MEADOWS,
A. C. PARHAM,
Committee.

After remarks by Elder Purefoy, the above report was adopted.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as a Committee to aid in procuring money and subscriptions for the Endowment of Wake Forest College, and report at the next session of this Association :

Endowment Committee—B. F. Hester, John G. Morgan, J. J. Meadows, G. W. Watkins, A. C. Parham, N. C. Lyon and Thomas H. Street.

DESTITUTION.

On motion, Elder J. A. Stradley, and Brethren N. C. Lyon

and John G. Morgan were appointed to confer with the State Mission Board on the destitution in this Association, and report at next session.

The following report was offered on

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a Christian virtue that ought to be assiduously cultivated. Temperance has been defined "the moderate use of things useful, and total abstinence from things hurtful." The Bible requires every one to be temperate in all things.

Your attention is especially called to the use of intoxicating drinks, the use of which as a beverage, according to the definition given, is intemperance. Drunkenness is a great and crying evil in our land, so terribly ruinous to all the dearest interests of man for time and eternity that all lovers of God and all friends of humanity should rise in their might and put forth vigorous efforts to stop its progress of desolation and death. It is so hurtful to religion, so destructive to property and so ruinous to character, bringing countless sufferings on the human race, that it would seem apparent to every reflecting mind that it is the imperative duty of all, and especially all christians, to abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Your Committee would respectfully urge upon the churches composing this body to make every effort in their power to prevent the making, buying, selling, or using of all alcoholic and intoxicating beverages.

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. DEVIN,
P. BLACKWELL,
G. W. PITTARD,
Committee.

After a lengthy and interesting discussion by Elders Richardson, Purefoy, Devin, Stradley, Faulkner and E. J. Montague, and Brethren J. J. Meadows, A. C. Parham, C. F. Humphries, Biggs, J. D. Parham, S. L. Howard, and W. W. Humphries, the foregoing report on Temperance was adopted.

After remarks by Brother A. C. Parham and Elder Purefoy, the following was adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

There is but one plan mentioned in the Scriptures by which money was raised. In 1 Cor. 16:2, Paul says: "Upon the first day of the week let *every one of you* lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Here is a system given, first at stated times; second, as God prospers us; and third, *every one* is to give. Our churches should obey this command the same as any other. And any member, male or female, whom the Lord prospers in any way, who will not give of his means to support the gospel in his own church, or abroad, is not only failing in his christian duty, but should forfeit his or her membership.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PARHAM,
D. PEED,
JAS. R. BERRY,
Committee.

The following report on Time, Place and Preachers for the next Association was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Time aud Place for the next Association, report Island Creek the place, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1878, the time, to meet 11 o'clock a. m., and appoint Rev. R. H. Marsh to preach the Introductory Sermon. Respectfully submitted,

E. WINSTON,
D. A. HUNT,
W. DAVIS,
Committee.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

The following was read, and after remarks by Elder Stradley, was adopted:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

Every church should hold weekly prayer meetings. Piety and efficiency would be promoted thereby. Each member should punctually attend these meetings and take part in them as circumstances and ability would indicate. In order to make them interesting the exercises should be prompt, short and pointed. Long songs, long prayers and long exhortations should be avoided; but as many as possible should be induced to speak a word of exhortation or lead in prayer. A great point to be sought for should be the glory of God and the spiritual advantage of each other.

We do not see how christian parents can properly regard themselves as christians at all without bringing their families together and invoking the blessing of their Heavenly Father upon them daily. We think there is no duty more neglected than family prayer. The heathen have their daily worship of idols, and it is a shame to christians that so many of them have no altar of prayer. As with the men of Ninevah whom Christ said would rise up in the judgment and condemn the people of that generation, may it not be that the devout heathen with all their darkness will rise up in the judgment with many of the professed christians of our day and condemn them because they have never had in their houses an altar of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. PUREFOY,
J. J. MEADOWS,
M. W. B. VEAZEY,
Committee.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department is under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which we are an integral part. Its province is to aid feeble churches and establish others where there are none. Its work is mostly in towns and cities, as centers of influence.

North Carolina has shared, in no small degree, the benefits of this work. The churches in most of our large towns, in their early struggles, received assistance from this department.

Indian Missions are now under the care of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The progress of the work among them is encouraging for the amount done.

It is earnestly recommended that the churches contribute as they have ability to this work.

J. J. LANSDELL,
W. H. WILBOURN,
E. C. MONTAGUE,
Committee.

Delegates to the State Convention to represent this Association: Brethren John G. Morgan, Thos. H. Street and A. C. Parham.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer by Elder Turpin.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, MODERATOR.

R. AMIS, *Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

———————— BAPTIST CHURCH.

[Date]———— 187 .

To the Flat River Association:

Name of Pastor,.....
P. O. of Pastor,.....
Name of Clerk,.....
Clerk's P. O.,.....
Time of Meeting,.....
Names of Delegates,.....

Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Restored.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Funds.	Other Contributions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.

Religious Periodicals:

Copies of Biblical Recorder, ...
Name and number of other papers, ...
Prayer Meetings, [how often?] .....
Famlies holding prayers, ...
Number of habitual dram drinkers, ...
Quantity of spirits made or sold .....
Collections, [how made and how often] .....

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

Number of . . .
Name of Supt. ....
Teachers, ...
Average Attendance, ...

Kind Words [number of,] .....
Other Papers, [names and No.]...
Volumes in Library, ...
Contributions, ...

REMARKS:

Signed by order of Church,

———— C. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2ND. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3RD. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2nd. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3rd. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Total.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Amis' Chapel...	R. Amis, K. C. Allen, *J. H. Chandler,.....	$125 00	$ 2 00	$ 8 12	$ 9 00	$ 5 60	.....	....	$ 24 72	22	2	..	1	..	1	152
Antioch	J. R. Berry, *G. R. Satterfield, J. S. Timberlake	.....	1 50	3 75	3 75	.....	.....	.....	9 00	8	6	..	2	..	..	53
Bethel.....	Wm. H. Lawson, B. F. Gentry, Monroe Woody.	.....	2 00	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 05	20	1	..	5	2	3	141
Concord.....	*Calvin Waller, N. C. Lyon, *E. H. Veazey,...	150 00	2 00	7 25	16 25	3 25	11 50	4 40	44 65	14	..	1	2	1	1	93
Corinth...	*Simon Tippett, J. W. Pittard. *W. H. Hobgood	... ...	1 50	3 70	.....	.. ..	.....	8 50	13 70	4	2	..	6	2	..	98
Enon'.....	W. H. Smith, J. F. Currin, J. M. Phillips.	400 00	1 50	26 50	5 20	.....	.....	....	33 20	16	3	..	1	..	..	72
Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	...	..	..	..
Flat River Union	M. W. B. Veazey, R. F. Peed, Wm. Bolin, ...	150 00	2 00	6 25	6 50	.. ..	.....	.....	14 75	8	2	1	3	..	1	101
Grassy Creek ...	A. P. Harris, G. W. Pittard, W. G. Pittard.....	.....	2 00	8 00	13 65	.....	3 40	10 50	37 55	2	5	..	2	3	5	245
Hester's.....	R. D. Brooks, Thos. G. Dean, W. J. Royster....	200 00	2 22	16 16	9 34	22 70	9 00	... ..	59 42	17	2	1	10	..	..	134
Island Creek....	J. G. Morgan, W. T. Bowden, D. L. Woody.....	150 00	3 00	14 10	15 15	... ..	.....	.....	32 25	13	..	..	2	..	..	107
Mill Creek.....	B. B. Link, G. Wrenn. J. H. Gentry,.....	... ...	3 00	.....	5 80	... .	5 35	.....	14 15	...	2	..	3	4	2	129
Mountain Creek.	P. Blackwell, W. H. Wilkerson, J. S. Eakes. .	250 00	2 00	11 62	11 63	.....	.....	1 79	27 04	33	1	4	6	2	1	257
Mt. Zion.....	S. L. Howard, J. J. Meadows, S. O'Briant	....	2 60	12 00	34 62	1 25	8 02	.....	58 49	15	7	..	2	6	1	184
Mt. Harmony...	R. G. Davis, H. C. Sweaney, C. Hester..... ...	.....	1 20	.....	3 50	.....	3 50	.....	.....	...	4	..	...	..	2	40
New Light.....	D. Peed, J. T. Glenn.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	6	..	4	2	1	....
North Fork.. .	W. H. Wilbourn, H. H. Hester, J. N. Thomas...	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	1	..	1	1	2	121
Oxford	D. A. Hunt, Wm Biggs, E. C. Montague	500 00	1 50	24 05	33 45	26 07	.. ..	7 00	.....	19	1	..	4	..	3	84
Olive Branch,...	W. W. Humphries, C F Humphries, J C Rogers,	100 00	2 00	... ..	.....	.....	2 00	. ....	4 00	12	..	..	5	..	1	138
Pleasant Grove.	E. Winston, Wm. Rogers, ...	.....	1 00	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	...	..	..	..	..	3	34
Poplar Creek....	J. D. Parham, W. N. Critcher, S. O. Wilson.....	.....	2 00	6 00	.....	2 50	2 00	.....	12 50	...	1	..	2	..	2	102
Providence.....	J. W. Buchanan, Rob't White, D. Gravitt.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	...	..	..	..	..	..	31
Tabb's Creek....	W. A. Parham, A. W. Parham, W. S. Dean.....	.....	1 00	... ...	7 25	....	7 50	.....	15 75	...	..	..	..	1	1	31
Tally Ho.....	J. R. Walters, J. P. Harris, W. D. Thomason...	100 00	2 00	.....	4 52	.....	4 52	.....	11 04	35	4	..	6	..	2	116
	*Absent.		$43 72	148 55	179 61	$61 37	$56 79	$32 19	$427 26	274	60	7	66	25	32	2496

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel,...	J. A. Stradley,..	Oxford,.....	R. Amis,.....	New Hope Mills,	1st Sab. and Sat. before
Antioch,.....	J. H. Vernon,...	Cedar Grove,....	J. L. Timberlake	Long's X Roads,	3rd " " " "
Bethel,.....	J. E. Montague,.	Bethel Hill,.....	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,.....	1st " " " "
Concord,.....	J. A. Stradley,..	Oxford,.....	Sam'l Clark,....	Dutchville,.....	2nd " " " "
Corinth,.....	F. R. Underwood	Oxford,..... ..	Sim. Tippett,....	Oxford,..... .	2nd " " " "
Enon,.....	R. H. Marsh,....	Oxford,.....	B. F. Hester,....	Oxford,.....	4th " " " " and 3d Sab.
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley,..	Oxford,.....	C. A. Peed,....	Knap of Reeds,.	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,...	R. I. Devin,.....	Young's ⋊Roads,	B. T. Winston,..	Young's ⋊Roads,	4th " " " "
Hester's,.....	R. H. Marsh,....	Oxford,.....	L. Knott,.....	Oxford, ...	2nd " " " "
Island Creek,...	J. A. Stradley,..	Oxford,.....	J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro',...	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek,.....	J. E. Montague,.	Bethel Hill, ...	T. J. Montague,.	Bethel Hill,.....	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,.....	Young's ⋊Roads,	P. Blackwell,....	Oak Hill,.....	3rd " " " " and 1st Sab.
Mt. Zion,.....	T. J. Horner,...	Henderson,.....	I. N. Day,.....	Berea,.....	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony,...	E. J. Montague,.	Roxboro,.....	H. C. Sweaney,..	Mt. Tirzah, ...	2nd " " " "
New Light,.....	Thomas Young,..	....	J. W. Atkinson,.	New Light,.....	2nd " " " "
North Fork,....	E. J. Montague,.	Roxboro, ...	W. P. Wilkins,.	Red Bank, Va.,.	4th " " " "
Oxford,.....	F. R. Underwood	Oxford,..... ...	W. S. Grandy,..	Oxford,.....	1st and 3rd Sabbaths.
Olive Branch,...	J. E. Montague,.	Bethel Hill,.....	W.T. Humphries	Mill Creek,.....	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,.	W. A. Barrett,..	Franklinton,....	J. W. Fuller,....	Wilton,..... ...	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek,...	F. R. Underwood	Oxford,..... ...	G. W. Wright,..	Henderson, ...	4th " " " "
Providence,.....	J. J. Lansdell,...	Roxboro,.....	W. Buchanan,....	Roxboro,..... ..	
Tabb's Creek,...	R. I. Devin,.....	Young's ⋊Roads,	W. A. Parham,.	Oxford,.....	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Tally Ho,.....	R. H. Marsh,...	Oxford,..... ...	W T. Hunt, ...	Tally Ho,.....	1st " " " "

SABBATH-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	NO. RELIGIOUS PAPERS.	No. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Amis' Chapel.	R. Amis	13 K'd W'ds, 5 Recorder,	1	6	60
Antioch					
Bethel			2		65
Concord	A. M. Veazey	10 K'd W'ds, 8 Recorder,	1	6	45
Corinth	L. Hobgood		1	4	40
Enon	W. H. Smith		1	6	
Grassy Creek	J. G. Pittard		1	8	78
Hester's	H. F. Knott		1	5	60
Island Creek			3	16	120
Mill Creek			1		25
Mountain Creek	J. S. Hobgood	10 Record'r 11 K'd W'ds.	1	5	62
Mt. Zion	B. D. Howard				75
Oxford	T. T. Grandy	30 Kind Words	1	10	114
Olive Branch	C. F. Humphries		1	5	23
Poplar Creek	J. E. Callis	13 Kind Words	1	7	60
Tabb's Creek			1		30
Tally Ho			1	5	30
			18	83	887

The following miscellaneous items are taken from the Church Letters :

Concord paid $193 to Wake Forest College, and $8 for general objects of Sabbath School.

Corinth paid $5 to aid Winston Church.

Enon paid $30 to Theological Seminary, and $15 incidental expenses.

Flat River Union pledged $500 to Wake Forest endowment.

Mill Creek paid orphans $9.75.

Mountain Creek took one scholarship in Wake Forest College.

Oxford Church,—incidental expenses $58.66; Little Leaders raised $46; collected in Sabbath School $25.67: has a branch Sabbath School at Oak Grove, 25 scholars, 3 teachers, paid $2 to Foreign Missions.

Olive Branch paid to orphans $15.

Tally Ho sent $10 to Treasurer of State Convention in addition to amount in table.

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT

ISLAND CREEK,

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 6th, 7th and 8th, 1878.

MODERATOR,.....W. D. HORNER.
CLERK,.....R. AMIS.
TREASURER, ...A. C. PARHAM.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
AUGUST, 1878.

PROCEEDINGS.

ISLAND CREEK, GRANVILLE COUNTY,
Tuesday, August 6th, 1878.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-fifth session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Dr. W. M. Wingate preached the Introductory Sermon from Luke 14th chapter and 23d verse.

After an intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder F. R. Underwood. Prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley.

On motion, Bro. N. B. Cannady was appointed Reading Clerk.

Letters from the churches were read and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Bro. W. D. Horner, Moderator, R. Amis, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Henderson Baptist Church presented a letter of dismission from the Tar River Association, and on motion, the church was received as a member of this Association.

On motion, the former Moderator, Elder F. R. Underwood, extended to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. On account of a report that some of the members of Henderson church were engaged in selling ardent spirits, a motion was made to reconsider the reception of the church, but after satisfactory explanations by the pastor and members present, the motion was laid upon the table.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Accepted by Dr. W. M. Wingate, Messenger of Central Association, and President of Wake Forest College; Bro. N. B. Broughton, Editor *Biblical Recorder;* Elder John K. Faulkner, Messenger of Dan River Association, Va.; Rev. E. L. Baptist, from Concord Association, Va.; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Seminary; Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, and Agent Board of Education; Elder J. S. Purefoy, Messenger of Central Association and Agent for the Endowment of Wake Forest College, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of Central Association and Agent for State and Foreign Missions.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of this church.
State Missions.—Prof. F. P. Hobgood, and brethren B. D. Howard and Legan Hobgood.
Foreign Missions.—Elder F. R. Underwood, and brethren H. H. Barnes and W. A. Parham.
Education.—Prof. L. R. Mills, and brethren F. Knott and Thomas Daniel.
Periodicals.—Elder J. A. Stradley, and brethren J. P. Beck and H. C. Sweeney.
Sabbath Schools.—(Appointed last year.) Elder R. H. Marsh, and brethren William Biggs and A. C. Parham.
Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer.—Elder J. S. Purefoy, and brethren R. S. Barnett and James G. Norwood.
Temperance.—Brethren J. K. Wood, John N. Thomas and S. W. Waller.
Home Missions.—Brethren C. B. Knott, John P. Cannady and J. G. Pittard.
Systematic Beneficence.—Brethren N. B. Cannady, A. C. Parham and Lawson Knott.
Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.—Brethren James H. Chandler, R. A. Lyon and N. B. Cannady.

On motion, the Treasurer was allowed $2.25 to pay for Record Book.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 7th, 1878.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. A. C. Parham.

Roll of delegates called and minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Letter from Mill Creek read and delegates enrolled. No letter from Pleasant Grove or Providence.

The following report was offered on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In accordance with a resolution of the Baptist State Convention at its last session in Durham, the Trustees of the College have made provisions for an English and Bible Course for the young ministers who can not remain at College more than two years. The object of this Course is to give our young ministers a good English Education and a short sketch of the Bible and its doctrines.

The Board of Education has under its charge thirteen young ministers. The Board is free from debt.

We would most earnestly urge our brethren and sisters to use their utmost endeavors to educate their children, and we recommend to them

Raleigh Female Seminary, Mrs. Stradley's School in Oxford, Rev. T. J. & W. D. Horner's School in Henderson, and A. W. Parham's at Hester's Church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. MILLS,
FIELDING KNOTT,
THOS. DANIEL,
Committee.

After discussion by Prof. L. R. Mills, Bro. Wm. Biggs, Elder R. H. Marsh, Dr. W. M. Wingate, Brethren N. B. Broughton and A. C. Parham, Elders R. I. Devin, J. E. Montague, J. S. Purefoy and Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard, the report was adopted.

Intermission for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled. Prayer by Bro. Samuel L. Howard.

On motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

The following is the report on Periodicals:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals submit the following:

Resolved 1*st*. That the *Biblical Recorder* is an excellent family and religious newspaper, well worthy of a place in all our families.

Resolved 2*d*. That it is the duty of every Baptist man and woman in our bounds to do all they can to have this paper taken and read by as many families as possible.

Resolved 3*d*, That in no other way can so much be done, for so little money, to increase knowledge, piety and usefulness among us.

Resolved 4*th*. That *Kind Words* is an excellent Sabbath School paper, and will richly repay all Sabbath School teachers and scholars for the small amount it costs.

J. A. STRADLEY,
H. C. SWEENEY,
Committee.

Was read and adopted, after discussion by Brethren N. B. Broughton, Wm. Biggs, S. L. Howard and J. J. Meadows, Elders J. A. Stradley, R. I. Devin, F. R. Underwood and Dr. W. M. Wingate.

The following is the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Bible authority for Foreign Missions is positive and explicit. The "thus saith the Lord," which Baptists are so careful to demand, can be

produced. It is found in the command given by Christ to his Disciples: "Go ye, therefore, and *teach all nations* * * teaching *them* to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded *you*." It is found in the command given by the Lord to the Apostle Paul: "Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles." The same Apostle tells us that "there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek;" that they are all under sin, and that "the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." But "how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

God has shown his approval of the modern missionary enterprise by the signal success which he has granted unto it. To quote an extract from the last number of the *Biblical Recorder*: "It is now only about three quarters of a century since the beginning of Protestant missions to the heathen—hardly a longer time than elapsed between the day of Pentecost and the writing of the last book of the New Testament. These missions have been as successful as the missions of the Apostles. So far as we can judge, as many have been converted in heathen lands by modern missionaries, as were converted under apostolic preaching."

There are two great needs of the foreign field—men and money. There are now ten Missionaries from our Southern Zion laboring in the vast empire of China, brethren Yates, Crawford, Holmes and Graves, with their wives, Miss Moon and Miss Whilden; while five, brethren Hartwell and Williams, with their wives, and another Miss Moon, are in this country, anxious to return to their work, and will do so as soon as the Board are able to send them, and the health of their families will allow it. Truly, "the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." But we cannot consistently pray for more laborers until we are liberal enough in our contributions to support those whom the Lord has sent. Our prayers and our alms should go up together.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
H. H. BARNES,
W. A. PARHAM,
Committee.

The above was discussed at some length by Elders T. J. Horner, F. R. Underwood and Dr. W. M. Wingate, but on account of the absence of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, further discussion was postponed till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

After discussion by Brethren N. B. Broughton, A. C. Parham, H. C. Sweeney, and Dr. W. M. Wingate, Elders J. A. Stradley, R. I. Devin, and Bro. B. D. Howard, the report on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

There has been a meeting of the "Sabbath School Institute" on each 5th Sabbath and Saturday before during the Associational year, except in December, which was held only on Saturday on account of bad weather. These Institutes have been held at Concord, Mt. Zion, Fellowship and Antioch, and have been largely attended. We think at least three new schools were organized through its instrumentality, and many

others greatly encouraged and strengthened. We know of only two churches in the Association without a Sabbath School. The work seems to be going forward with increased zeal and efficiency. The music at the Institutes, and in many of the churches, has been really splendid. We find but few schools have adopted the "International Lessons," and we would suggest to all the propriety of considering that method of Bible study. We would also commend some plan—any plan—of cultivating the missionary spirit among the schools. Good singing, a well conducted recitation, and systematic giving, constitute the life and power of a Sunday School.

Respectfully,

WM. BIGGS,
R. H. MARSH,
A. C. PARHAM,
Committee.

On motion, the committee consisting of Elder F. R. Underwood and brethren A. C. Parham and B. D. Howard, were appointed to conduct Sabbath School Institutes, and report at the next session of the Association.

The following report was offered on Systematic Beneficence:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

"Upon the first day of the week let *every one of you* lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." I Cor. 16 : 2.

The system given by the Apostle seems to be: 1st. We are to give at stated times. 2d. All are to give. 3d. We are to give as God hath prospered us

The above is the Bible plan, and we do not see that any christian has the right to fail to follow it.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. CANNADY,
A. C. PARHAM,
LAWSON KNOTT,
Committee.

After discussion by Elders J. A. Stradley, F. R. Underwood, T. J. Horner, and brethren J. N. Thomas and N. B. Broughton, Prof. L. R. Mills and Elders J. K. Faulkner and J. S. Purefoy, the report was adopted.

The following on Time, Place and Preachers for next session was read and adopted:

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION, 1879.

Your Committee respectfully recommend Corinth Church as the place, and Tuesday after third Sunday in July, 1879, at 11 o'clock, A. M., as the time for the next session of this Association. And appoint Rev. J. E. Montague to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CHANDLER,
R. E. LYON,
N. B. CANNADY,
Committee.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 8th, 1878.

The Association was called to order and a portion of Scripture read by the Moderator, Bro. W. D. Horner. After singing, prayer by Elder J. E. Montague.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following was read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer beg leave to report:

Cash forwarded by the Churches.

Cash forwarded for Education,		$127 47
" " " Foreign Missions,		256 03
" " " State Missions,		98 07
" " " Sunday Schools,		20 00
" " " " "		28 36
		$ 529 93

Amount received at the Association.

Cash received for contingent fund,	$ 43 73	
" " " Education,	38 97	
" " " Foreign Missions,	119 25	
" " " State Missions,	65 16	
" " " Sunday Schools,	2 25	
" " " " "	50	
		$269 86

Amount Disbursed.

Cash paid Dr. Pritchard, Agent for Treasurer of Convention, for Education,	$ 38 97	
" " Foreign Missions,	119 25	
" " State Missions,	65 16	
" " Sunday Schools,	2 25	
" " Domestic and Indian Missions,	50	
" " Edwards, Broughton & Co., for Treas'r. Book,	2 00	
" " Express on same,	25	
" " R. Amis, Clerk, contingent fund,	41 48	
		$ 269 86

Collection for Rome Chapel, $14.55.

A. C. PARHAM, *Treasurer.*

The discussion of the report on Foreign Missions was resumed, and after interesting speeches from Drs. T. H. Pritchard and Wingate, Elder J. S. Purefoy, Prof. L. R. Mills, and Bro. B. D. Howard, it was adopted. A collection was taken up for the same, amounting to $14.55.

The following report on State Missions was read and adopted, after remarks by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Elders R. H. Marsh and J. A. Stradley, Bro. H. C. Sweeney and Dr. W. M. Wingate:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In February last the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention resigned his office, and the Board of Missions has been compelled to rely on the voluntary efforts of the pastors and churches to raise funds with which to carry on the mission work of the Convention. The Committee would earnestly recommend the churches that have not already taken collections for missions to do so before the meeting of the Convention, and to forward the amounts collected to Treasurer Womble, at Raleigh.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
B. D. HOWARD,
L. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

The following is the report on Temperance:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

From the best statistics we gather, there are about one hundred thousand white Baptists in North Carolina, and their annual contribution to all objects is not, on an average, more than one dollar each. The population of this State, including both races, according to the last census, is one million. The statistics of the liquor traffic show that the people of North Carolina spend annually for its support *nine millions* of dollars, or nearly nine dollars per head. Enough money to pay the salary of every pastor of every denomination in the State; enough to clothe every orphan, educate every child, endow every college with five hundred thousand dollars each, and still have a large surplus left. As the Baptists of North Carolina share so largely in the population of the State, is it not reasonable to suppose that we contribute very much to the support of the liquor traffic—a business returning to us only misery, woe and shame, and ought we not to use every means in our power to banish this terrible curse from our land?

There is one particular to which your committee would call special attention and ask upon it the marked disapproval of this Association. It is this: The habit that some members have of frequenting and sanctioning by their presence the places where the deadly poison is dealt out. We believe such a practice to be inconsistent with true christian character and godly feeling.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. WOOD,
J. N. THOMAS,
S. W. WALLER,
Committee.

After a full discussion by Elder J. A. Stradley, brethren J. N. Thomas, Legan Hobgood, B. D. Howard, L. R. Parham, S. L. Howard, H. C. Sweeney, H. T. Knott, R. Amis, Elders F. R. Underwood, R. H. Marsh and Bro. J. K. Wood, the report was adopted.

Report on Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer was read and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

Resolved 1*st.* That it is the opinion of your committee that every church should have within their bounds one or more weekly prayer meetings.

Resolved 2*d.* That in every christian family there ought to be an altar of prayer where the whole family should be called together for prayer and thanksgiving to God for his mercies.

J. S. PUREFOY,
R. S. BARNETT,
Committee.

The following on Home Missions was read and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is that department of our labor which pertains to the spread of the Gospel throughout the Southern States and among the Indians. It is in charge of the Southern Baptist Convention, and should commend itself to the sympathy and pecuniary aid of the friends of Jesus. We, therefore, commend the work to the liberality of the churches.

C. B. KNOTT,
J. G. PITTARD,
J. D. CANNADY,
Committee.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: F. M. Meadows, B. D. Howard and Lawson Knott.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer.

W. D. HORNER, *Moderator.*

R. AMIS, *Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

———————— BAPTIST CHURCH.

[Date] ———————— 187 .

To the Flat River Association :

Name of Pastor,.....
P. O. of Pastor,.....
Name of Clerk,.....
Clerk's P. O.,.....
Time of Meeting,.....
Names of Delegates,.....

Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Restored.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Fund.	Other Contributions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	...

Religious Periodicals:

Copies of Biblical Recorder: .....
Name and number of other papers, ...
Prayer Meetings, [how often?] ....
Families holding prayers. .....
Number of habitual dram drinkers, ...
Quantity of spirits made or sold, ...
Collections, [how made and how often,] ....

SUNDAY SCHOOLS :

Number of .... Kind Words, [number of] ....
Name of Supt. .... Other Papers, [names and No.] ....
Teachers, ... Volumes in Library, ...
Average Attendance, ... Contributions, ...

REMARKS:

Signed by order of Church,

————————, C. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in cases of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal division, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Total.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,...	J. H. Chandler, W. C. Rogers, H. Y. Allen, Jr.,..	$125 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$ 6 95	$ 3 60	$6 85	.....	$22 40	2	8	..	2	..	..	56	105	161
Antioch,.....	J. W. Denny, R. T. Pittard, J. E. Yancey,.....	.....	1 50	7 00	20 18	.. ..	.....	.....	28 68	...	3	..	2	..	..	19	31	50
Bethel, ...	T. D. Woody, W. D. Woody,..	100 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	..	1	..	2	1	..	35	104	139
Concord, ...	R. A. Lyon, *J. L. Vaughn, S. W. Waller, ...	150 00	2 00	5 75	15 50	5 00	.....	.....	28 25	...	1	..	..	..	1	31	63	94
Corinth,.....	L. Hobgood, E. T. Pittard, *A. B. Montague,....	. . ...	1 50	2 75	4 80	.....	.....	9 00	18 05	3	..	..	1	5	3	32	65	97
Enon,.	F. Knott, T. R. Averett, J. P. Cannady,.....	.....	2 00	3 85	27 45	50 00	14 35	.....	97 65	...	6	..	3	2	..	33	37	70
Fellowship,.....	J. P. Beck, D. R. Weathers, W. F. Byrd,.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	59	88
Flat River Union	Thos. Green, J. F. Green, R. F. Peed,.....	150 00	2 00	4 50	6 50	4 18	....	.....	17 18	2	..	..	..	1	1	26	65	91
Grassy Creek,...	J. G. Pittard, G. W. Royster, G. N. Pittard,.....	.....	2 23	.....	22 61	5 00	2 90	....	32 74	53	5	2	6	5	2	98	191	289
Henderson,.....	W. D. Horner, J. H. Lassiter, J. P. Thrower,...	350 00	1 50	10 50	8 00	18 50	.....	.....	38 50	13	10	..	2	1	..	23	28	52
Hester's,.....	H. T. Knott, Lawson Knott, A. W. Parham,.....	200 00	2 00	8 59	21 64	6 29	50	.....	39 02	...	1	8	12	1	..	48	83	131
Island Creek,....	D. W. Knott, C. B. Knott, H. T. Shanks,.....	150 00	2 00	7 40	34 44	7 00	. ...	1 00	51 84	19	3	..	5	1	1	48	72	120
Mill Creek,.....	J. Younger, James Buchanan, H. F. Link,.....	.....	3 00	.....	5 50	11 50	.....	3 00	23 00	...	1	1	8	1	1	40	80	120
Mountain Creek,	G. W. Hart, L. F. Elliott, Zachariah Eakes,.....	250 00	2 00	3 00	18 12	.....	.....	1 00	24 12	5	1	..	5	4	2	89	167	256
Mt. Zion,.....	B. D. Howard, A. R. Slaughter, S. O'Brient,.....	...	3 00	.....	74 11	8 25	21 50	1 00	107 86	...	..	..	8	5	..	65	98	163
Mt. Harmony,...	E. J. Montague, H. C. Sweeney,..... ...	.....	1 00	... ..	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1	...	..	..	..	..	11	30	41
New Light,.....	J. Z. Allen, M. Jackson, *J. H. Hutcherson,.....	101 00	2 00	... ..	.....	.....	.....	25	2 25	29	2	..	3	4	2	37	75	112
North Fork,.....	J. N. Thomas, *J. P. Wilkins, *Sam'l Pate,....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3	3	..	1	1	1	45	80	125
Oxford,.....	R. S. Barnett, J. K. Wood, N. B. Cannady,.....	500 00	1 50	21 00	65 91	12 00	10 40	....	110 81	6	2	..	2	1	..	42	48	90
Olive Branch,...	J. G. Norwood, E. G. Ramsey, W. T. Humphries,	100 00	2 00	.....	6 00	8 00	.....	...	16 00	3	1	..	3	..	1	38	100	138
Pleasant Grove,..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poplar Creek,...	L. R. Parham, H. H. Barnes, A. J. Wright,.....	150 00	2 00	8 06	8 00	6 72	8 00	...	32 78	10	5	2	3	3	3	31	79	110
Providence,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tabb's Creek,...	*O. W. Parham, A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham,.	.....	1 00	.....	3 30	....	3 30	....	7 60	...	..	..	2	..	1	8	18	26
Tally Ho,.....	Thos. Daniel, *W. L. Hunt, Fielding Harris,.....	140 00	1 50	.....	7 50	2 00	2 25	.....	13 25	...	2	..	2	2	3	44	72	116
			$43 73	$85 40	358 51	148 04	70 05	15 25	720 98	149	56	13	72	38	22	928	1750	2678

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	R. Amis,	New Hope Mills,	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch,	J. H. Vernon,	Lemora,	J. L. Timberlake,	Long's X Roads,	3d " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	1st " " " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	Sam'l Clark,	Dutchville,	2d " " " "
Corinth,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	W. H. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2d " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	J. P. Cannady,	Oxford,	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,	T. H. Perry,	Dutchville,	1st " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	C. A. Peede,	Knap of Reeds,	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " " "
Henderson,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	J. H. Dunn,	Henderson,	
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	L. Knott,	Oxford,	2d " " " "
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro,	3d " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	T. J. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X Roads,	P. Blackwell,	Oak Hill,	3d Sab. and Sat. bef. & 1st Sab
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	I. N. Day,	Berea,	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2d " " " "
New Light,	Thos. Young,		J. W. Atkinson,	New Light,	2d " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	W. P. Wilkins,	Red Bank, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	W. S. Grandy,	Oxford,	1st Sab. and Sat. and 3d Sab.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek,	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove,					
Poplar Creek,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " " " "
Providence,					
Tabb's Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Oxford,	W. A. Parham,	Oxford,	3d " " " "
Tally Ho,	E. F. Beacham,		W. T. Hunt,	Tally Ho,	2d " " " "

Sabbath School Statistics and other Miscellaneous Items.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.	No. of Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions S. S. School.	Orphan Asylum.	Ministerial Relief and Extra Pay.	Incidental Church Expenses.	Repairs of Church.	General Expenses, Organs, &c.	Volumes in Library.
Amis' Chapel,	R Amis and K C Allen,	K'd Words 18, Rec'der 6, Her. 5, oth. 12	2	8	75	$ 1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Antioch,	J L Timberlake,	Recorders 10,	1	5	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel,	B F Gentry,	Kind Words 29, Recorders 2,	2	...	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord,	A M Veazey and N C Lyon,	Kind Words 20, Recorders 8,	1	4	50	22 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth,	J T Howell,	Kind Words 10,	1	4	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon,	J B Hobgood,	Kind Words 20,	1	6	75	.....	$40 00	$ 7 50	$10 00	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship,	J P Beck,		1	6	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat River Union	R Peede,	K'd Words 10, Recorders 5, Baptist 1.	1	...	25	6 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grassy Creek,	J G Pittard, W Davis,		2	16	172	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson,	F M Meadows,		1	6	75	.....	.....	115 00	35 50	113 99	135 00	.....
Hester's,	H T Knott,	K'd Words 17, Recorders 5, Baptist 2,	1	5	65	.....	31 50	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek,	J D Knott, Jno Morgan & Jas Parker,	Recorders 22,	3	15	110	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek,	Thos H Street,		1	...	49	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Creek,	J T Hobgood and W H Blackwell,		1	6	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion,	B D Howard and J J Meadows,		1	...	75	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Harmony,			...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Light,	L Wilson,		1	...	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Fork,		[& Chronicle,	1	5	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford,	T T Grandy,	Kind Words 30, Recorders 10, and Ex.	1	10	123	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215
Olive Branch,			...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove,			...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek,	A J Wright,	Kind Words 13, Recorders 6,	1	7	45	16 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence,			...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tabb's Creek,			...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tally Ho,	Samuel Washington,	Kind Words 10.	1	6	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			25	109	1333	$78 96	$71 50	122 50	104 50	113 99	135 00	215

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Sixth Session

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT

Corinth, Granville Co., N. C.,

August 12th, 13th and 14th, 1879.

Moderator, - -	W. D. HORNER.
Clerk, - - -	R. AMIS.
Treasurer, - -	A. C. PARHAM.

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PROCEEDINGS.

CORINTH, GRANVILLE COUNTY,
Tuesday, August 12th, 1879.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-sixth annual session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder R. T. Vann preached the Introductory Sermon from Matt. 5th chapter and 16th verse.

After intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Bro. W. D. Horner.

On motion, Bro. N. B. Cannady was appointed reading Clerk.

Letters from the churches were read and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of W. D. Horner, Moderator, R. Amis, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Elder C. T. Baily, Editor of Biblical Recorder; Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President of Wake Forest College and messenger of Central Association: Elder R. T. Vann, messenger of Chowan Association; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Raleigh Female Seminary; Bro. H. Borst, of Weldon church; Elder C. Durham of Mt. Zion Association; Prof. L. R. Mills, Agent Board of Education, Wake Forest College; Elder J. R. Howell, messenger of Eastern Association; Bro. S. Otho Wilson, messenger of Raleigh Association; Elder J. S. Purefoy, Agent for Endowment Fund, Wake Forest College, and messenger of Central Association; Bro. T. J. Rigsby, messenger of Mt. Zion Association; Bro. S. W. Parker, messenger of Tar River Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises.—F. R. Underwood, J. M. Howell, and J. H. Tippett.
State Missions,—R. H. Marsh, T. J. Montague and H. H. Barnes.
Foreign Missions.—C. Durham, G. W. Pittard and E. H. Jones.
Education.—L. R. Mills, John A. Watkins, and B. F. Hester.
Periodicals.—F. P. Hobgood, R. W. Hobgood and T. T. Grandy.
Sabbath Schools.—J. J. Meadows, J. G. Morgan and G. W. Pittard, Standing Committee: R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley, Wm. Biggs, B. F. Hester and John G. Morgan, Special Committee.
Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer.—R. I. Devin, A. Reams, and Jas. H. Chandler.
Temperance.—J. A. Stradley, H. C. Sweeney, and J. M. Currin.
Home Missions.—R. T. Vann, E. Winston and S. P. Washington.
Systematic Beneficence.—T. H. Pritchard, E. C. Montague and S. C. Hobgood.
Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.—J G. Morgan, J. W. Rogers, and J. K. P. Stovall.

On motion, the subject of State Missions comes up to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Aug. 13th, 1879.

The session opened with the reading of the 27th Psalm by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. Jno. A. Watkins.

The letter from Poplar Creek church was read.

Bro. N. E. Cannady was recognized as a messenger from the Central Association.

The committee offered the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of our work is designed to furnish North Carolina with Baptist preaching. The means employed to this end, are chiefly two: (1.) By appointing and sustaining Missions in destitute localities; and (2.) by aiding poor churches in supporting Pastors and in building houses of worship. The work embraces Associational and general missions. Many Associations are co-operating with State Board, in occupying destitute fields within their own bounds. This is advisable in securing unity of effort, and in preserving in tangible form the results of Baptist efforts within the State. The places of general interest now under the direction of the Board are: Weldon, Enfield, Halifax, Williamston, Hamilton, Plymouth and Washington, in the bounds of the old Pamlico Association; and in the Beulah Association, Winston, Waughtown, Greensboro, and many country Stations; Salisbury, Statesville, Lincolnton, Morganton, Newton, Hickory, Marion, Rockingham, Laurenburg, Shoe

Heel, Abbottsburg, with missions in Sandy Creek, Liberty, Catawba, Brown Creek and Mt. Zion Associations. The number of Missionaries employed is nineteen;—among them we mention brethren Hufham, Vann, Pittman, Knight, Boone, I. R, Jones, Stough, Richardson, W. S. Fontain, H. A. Brown, Oliver Smith, Sheets, W. T. Jordan and J. Howell.

We call attention to our own destitution, within bounds of this Association, and earnestly recommend that the churches allow their Pastors and appoint some efficient brethren to hold protracted meeting at Kittrells, and at suitable points in the Roanoke and Flat River sections, and if any success attends their efforts, that steps shall be taken to encourage and sustain missions at those points. In view of such voluntary labor we would advise the Pastors present to arrange to go two and two, at times deemed most practicable by their churches.

Respectfully,

R. H. MARSH, *Ch.*,
T. J. MONTAGUE,
H. H. BARNES,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren J. G. Morgan, N. E. Lyon, H. H. Barnes, R. W. Hobgood, Elder J. A. Stradley, Bro. E. Winston, Elder R. I. Devin, and Bro. Jas. H. Chandler.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Bro. H. Borst, Elder R. T. Vann and Prof. L. R. Mills addressed the Association on the claims of the churches at Enfield and Weldon. A collection was then taken up amounting to twenty-six dollars and five cents.

The discussion of the report on State Missions was further discussed by Elder C. Durham and adopted.

The following report was discussed by Elder J. A. Stradley, Bro. S. F. Pate, Elders J. K, Howell, C. T. Baily, Bro. E. Winston, Elder R. I. Devin, Bro. J. H. Chandler, Elder J. S. Purefoy and Bro. R. W. Hobgood. On motion, adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer, can perhaps do but little more than earnestly urge upon the churches composing this body, to maintain regular Prayer Meetings within their bounds, and that it is the duty of every family connected with the churches, to assemble together daily, for reading the word of God and for prayer.

R. I. DEVIN,
A. REAMS,
J. H. CHANDLER,
Committee.

The following is the report on Periodicals:

The committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:

The Biblical Recorder is a bold and intelligeut defender of the doctrines of the Baptist churches. It is a valuable educator in the families that read it. It is indispensable to the developement of a spirit of liberality in the churches. It is a valuable aid to the Sunday School Teacher and Scholar, because of its expository notes on the International Series of Lessons.

The committee also recommends Kind Words for circulation among children.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
T. T. GRANDY,
R. W. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

After discussion by Elder C. T. Baily and Bro. G. W. Pittard, the Association adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The consideration of the report on periodicals was resumed and further discussed by brethren J. M. Howell, John Pittard, E. Winston and Dr. T. H. Pritchard. On motion, adopted.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The religious destitution in the far South, and among the wild trbes of the West, demands our prayerful consideration. To relieve this destitution, the Home Mission Board of the S. B. Convention has been organized. The readiness with which the Indians receive the Gospel, calls for hearty thanksgiving, and for more abundant labors among them. The ministry of brethren Buckner and Marrow has been greatly blessed of God. While cultivating faithfully the foreign field, we may not innocently neglect our home work. The Missionary spirit that does not find work to do at home, does not do the work found abroad. The Home Mission spirit is the heart of the true, whose fruit will appear in foreign lands. By divine command, the Apostles were to preach the Gospel to every creature; by the same command, they were to begin at Jerusalem. In our praying and giving, let us study the needs of the poor red man.

R. T. VANN,
S. P. WASHINGTON,
E. WINSTON,
Committee.

After earnest discussion by Elder J. A. Stradley, Brethren S. F. Pate, E. Winston, J. A. Jere, Elder J. S. Purefoy and Bro. E. H. Jones, the following was adopted.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee submit the following report on this subject:

We are happy to be able to say, that so far as we know, there is not a church in our Association, that will hold a drunkard in fellowship any longer than they deem necessary to make proper efforts to reclaim such. In this, our churches have gained, and are holding a proper position. But it pains us to report that all is not as we think it should be among us. Many, if not all of our churches have members who are *habitual*, or at least *occasional* dram-drinkers. But do you ask, "Is this wrong?" We think it is; we do believe that dram-drinking ought never to be indulged in by anyone, unless it be *absolutely* necessary as a medicine. The practice is undoubtedly evil in its tendency. Look at that infant boy in his mother's arms! What a picture of frailty and weakness; but let him live a few years, and he will grow to the full stature and strength of a robust man. So, it is equally natural, and almost as certain, that dram-drinking if continued, will grow, sooner or later, to besotted drunkenness. Dram-drinking is the seed, the root, from which drunkenness grows.

Dram-drinking is an evil, not only because it leads to drunkenness, but because it costs so much money,—because it throws one into such bad society,—because it is so chilling to piety,—because it brings so much reproach on the cause of Christ.

We believe that we have many good meaning brethren in our churches, who could easily be persuaded to give up dram-drinking, if the evils of the habit could be frequently, clearly, and faithfully shown them. We therefore advise that more be said on this subject, from our pulpits, in our social circles, through our Newspapers, in our Sabbath Schools and around our hearth-stones.

J. A. STRADLEY,
H C. SWEENEY,
J. M. CURRIN,
Committee,

The committee on Time and Place of holding next session.

REPORT.

Enon Church as the place, and Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1880, at 11 o'clock A. M., as the time. Elder J. E. Montague to preach the Introductory Sermon.

J. G. MORGAN,
J. W. ROGERS,
J. K. P. STOVALL,
Committee.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In accordance with the instructions of the Association, your committee have held S. S. Institutes on the fifth Sabbaths and Saturdays preceding, at different points in the Association.

These meetings have been characterized by a spirit of zeal and devotion rarely witnessed in our religious gatherings, and have been the means of encouraging and strengthening the Sunday Schools with which they have been held. In our opinion they have steadily increased in interest and efficiency, and cannot be dispensed with, without detriment to the S. S. cause. But in

view of the fact that the next fifth Sabbath follows so closely upon the meeting of the Association, it was decided at our last Institute to omit it. We suggest also, that inasmuch as these meetings are sometimes so largely attended as to tax the hospitality of the churches, that invitations for the Institute be presented to the committee; but in case no invitation should be received, that the committee be authorized to send it wherever their judgement may direct.

As to the general status of the S. S. work among us, we are gratified to say that nearly all the churches in our Association have one or more schools in successful operation, and that the outlook, is on the whole, hopeful and inspiring.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
A. C. PARHAM,
B. D. HOWARD,
Committee.

Elder R. H. Marsh offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dividing the Association into two or more Sunday School districts and of appointing committees to hold Sunday School Institutes and Temperance Institutes on the basis of Temperance report adopted, in each district.

On motion, the resolution was adopted, and the Moderator appointed Elders R. H. Marsh and J. A. Stradley, and Brethren B. F. Hester, Wm. Biggs and J. J. Morgan.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 14th, 1879.

The 96th Psalm was read by the Moderator. Prayer by R. W. Hobgood.

Roll of delegates called. Minutes of two preceding days read and corrected.

After remarks by Elder C. Durham, the following was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God, the Father, has given us ten commandments; these are in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ gave us many; these are in the New Testament. The last great commandment of Jesus was "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." To the extent of our ability and opportunities, we are under the same obligations to obey the last as the first, or any of the intermediate ones. No one who reads the New Testament ought to doubt our obligations to give the Gospel to all the world. No one who knows the success of Foreign Missions for the last half century, can doubt the willingness of God to bless our efforts in giving the Gospel to the heathen.

God is now rapidly fulfilling the promise to His Son: "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." Our fathers prayed for the Lord to open the nations to the Gospel of Christ. Those prayers have been answered,—China is opened, India is largely christianized, Japan is ready for the Gospel, the Isles of the Sea know much of redeeming grace, South America is calling for the word, and in the city of Rome the Baptists preach the Gospel.

CHINA MISSIONS.

Tung Chow.—In this city we have two churches, Monument Street with 63 members, and North Street with 67 members; Elder T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Miss Lottie Moon, a native pastor, Woo, and 3 native assistants. Mrs. Crawford has a School of 15 boys; Mrs. Holmes has a School of 25 girls; Miss Moon has a school, which is doing well; and pastor Woo has a school of 13 pupils and an assistant preacher, sustained by the natives. Bro. Crawford and wife have been in China 28 years.

Shanghai.—Here we have two churches and one out station—a chapel with a membership of 80—and the following laborers: Dr. M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, a native pastor, Wang Ping San and one assistant.

Canton.—In this city we have one church of 158 members; Elder R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Whilden, three ordained ministers and ten native assistants and Bible women. Schools, 5; in all of which there are about 100 pupils. Now seems to be the accepted time and the day of salvation for China.

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Here we have Bro. W. W. Colly—a colored brother—and six native assistants. Bro. W. J. David is anxious to return to Africa. The Lord has done much for us in this dark land. The harvest is ready here.

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

In Italy.—Rome and other cities, we have Dr. Geo. B. Taylor and eight native assistants. Paul suffered and preached in these cities.

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

We now hear of Missionary and Anti-Missionary Baptists, but in earlier days it was not thus with us. From the days of the Apostles down, the Baptists have been "Missionary," and we should ever remember with gratitude what our brethren have suffered and under God done for the world. Dr. Geo. B. Taylor says of them: "As compared with other Christian denominations, they have done their full share in promoting Christian Civilization, and in spreading the knowledge of scriptural truth over the world.

No one who knows the history of Foreign Missions, will call in question this statement: Jesus is still our leader, and the battle begun by him 1800 years ago, is progressing well, the victory is sure and the glory will be complete.

We live in a wonderful age. Every new developement of Providence calls louder to us to double our efforts to give the Gospel to all the world. We are not our own. The heathen are going down in darkness. The knowledge that we shall meet them at the Judgement, ought to arouse us to continual activity. The knowledge that we are discharging our duty, and that Jesus will bless us, should stimulate us to greater exertions to give them the Gospel of Christ. *This is their only hope.*

C. DURHAM,
G. W. PITTARD,
E. H. JONES,
Committee.

The following is the report on Ministerial Education:

During the last session, there were twenty-two young Ministers at the College. Thirteen of these were aided by the Board of Education. On account of the stringency of money matters, the contributions of the churches during the past year have been smaller than usual, and the Board has not been able to meet all of its obligations for the last session. The needs of our churches are such that we cannot afford to allow this work to be crippled. We earnestly urge all our churches to increase their contributions to this Board.

During the last eighteen months, Bro. C. F. Humphries of this Association has been pursuing a course of study at Wake Forest, under the direction of this Board, and we are happy to say that he has made very commendable progress in his books, and gives every evidence of making a good and useful Minister.

We believe it to be the duty of every man to educate his children as thoroughly as circumstances will admit.

L. R. MILLS,
B. F. HESTER,
J. A. WATKINS,
Committee,

After being fully discussed by Prof. L. R. Mills, Elders R. T. Vann and R. H. Marsh, the Association raised for this object, $73.56 in cash and pledges. Further remarks were made by Elders J. A. Stradley, J. S. Purefoy, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, after which, the report was adopted.

T. H. Briggs, Jr., of Central Association, representing S. S. Board, made interesting statements in regard to its operations.

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The duty of statedly contributing to the cause of religion, has been distinctly enjoined in all the dispensations of God's grace. The proportion of his income which the Jew was required to give, was prescribed by law, and is commonly supposed to have been *one-tenth,* but when all the tithes, offerings and sacrifices of the Israelites are considered, it will be found that they gave from *one-half* to *two-thirds* of all they made. And yet, the history of the nation plainly shows that when they honored God with their substance, then they prospered in basket and store, but when they robbed God in tithes and offerings they not only suffered with barrenness of soul, but were punished with poverty and misfortune.

Under the Gospel system, no special proportion of our income is prescribed as belonging to the Lord, but all is recognized as his, and we are but as his stewards to use his property for the promotion of his glory, as the claims of his cause may demand. We may legitimately infer, however, that if the Jew, whose mission was limited and whose religion was confined to a single nation, was required by the expressed law of God to contribute so large a proportion of his income, the duty of the Christian in this behalf, requires at least as much, if not more, since the mission of our holy religion comprehends the conversion of the

whole world to Christ.

Another principle is plainly taught in the Scriptures on this subject; which is, that these gifts are demanded at our hands, not because the Lord needs our money to carry forward his plans, but because our own temporal and spiritual prosperity will be promoted thereby. There are as many commands in the Bible to give as there are to pray, and it may be that the one grace is as efficient in promoting piety as the other, for Paul calls giving money to the cause of Christ *a grace* five times in the 8th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, and enjoins this duty upon the Christians of his day, with great emphasis.

The same Apostle teaches the principle of systematic beneficence, when he tells the churches to 'lay by them in store, on the first day of the week, as the Lord has prospered them.'

It is very certain that in acts of benevolence, as well as in everything else, more work will be done, better work will be done, and more easily done also, by adopting some system. From the principles above stated, it follows: first, that duty to the cause of Christ as well as to our own souls, requires us to give to the cause of religion. Second, that it should be the business of our pastors and the official members of our churches, to induce every member to contribute something to the cause of the Master. The poorest members may receive a blessing in giving, even as the widow who honored God with her two mites. Third, Every church should adopt some regular plan for raising money for the various enterprises which claim our support.

While your committee would not prescribe any particular system, they would insist that some plan shall be adopted, and that the principles of *giving often* shall be incorperated in it. Experience has shown that the churches can give more and give easier when then give often, and the grace of giving is thus cultivated also. In conclusion, your committee would congratulate the churches of the future, when the children who are now trained to give in the Sabbath Schools, shall assume the places of their fathers, having been taught the habit of giving, it will be easy for them to give and we may hope that the Lord's treasury will be full.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
E. C. MONTAGUE,
S. C. HOBGOOD,
Committee.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. The following was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE EXPEDIENCY OF DISTRICTING THE ASSOCIATION INTO S. S. AND TEMPERANCE INSTITUTES.

After consultation, we think it unwise to divide the S. S. Institute, or to organize a separate Temperance Institute. We think Temperance belongs to the Sunday School as a part of its legitimate work and object, and advise that the committee on S. S. Institutes be directed to give Temperance a place among the topics of consideration, on basis of the report on Temperance adopted by the Association.

R. H. MARSH,
B. F HESTER,
J. G. MORGAN,
J. A. STRADLEY,
Committee.

The following was read and adopted:

Resolved,—That the Churches entertaining this Association be requested to

take the necessary steps to prevent all trade and traffic within ½ mile of the Association during its sessions.

R. H. MARSH.

Also the following:

Resolved 1*st*,—That it is with pleasure we learn that the Trustees of Wake Forest College have resolved to erect a building 102 ft. long and 60 ft. wide,—5 recitation rooms below and one large Chapel above, 60 by 90 ft.,—to be known as the Wingate Memorial Hall.

Resolved 2*nd*,—That we recommend that the brethren of this Association do their full share in this noble work.

R. H. MARSH.

On motion, brethren S. F. Pate, H. H. Barnes and J. M. Howell were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention; to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer.

W. D. HORNER, Moderator.

R. AMIS, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1*st*, The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Bap'tized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	*A. B. Willingham, *Jno. Amis, *J. H. Chandler,	2 05	$7 25	7 00		$7 60	2 00	1	1		1	2	2	56	105	161
Antioch,	A. Reams, R. Rhew, W. A. Barton,	2 00	4 34	4 34	1 00	5 65		6	1		3			21	36	57
Bethel,	W. C. Pulliam, W. H. Jackson, *S. C. Humphries,	2 10		85		4 61			3		1	3	1	30	107	137
Concord,	N. C. Lyon, K. Haithcock, E. C. Coley,	2 20	5 65	10 00	3 50	4 62		6				1	2	32	67	99
Corinth,	W. A. Barrett, J. M. Howell, J. H. Tippett,	1 50	2 60			1 50			1		2		1	31	65	96
Enon,	S. C. Hobgood, B. F. Hester, J. W. Currin,	2 00	5 50	34 85	20 50	3 42		11	3		11	1		37	39	76
Fellowship,																
Flat River Union,	J. L. Peed, R. F. Peed, Thomas Green,	2 00	5 00	7 00				5			4			27	73	100
†Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard, E. J. Ragsdale, J. W. Gordan,	2 00	2 58	2 58	2 61	2 58	5 00		4		8	4	3	85	157	242
Henderson,	W. D. Horner, J. M. Currin, S. Dean,	1 50	15 50	30 00					9			1	1	29	33	62
Hesters',	R. W. Hobgood, M. L. Traylor, J. H. Morriss,	2 50	8 55	14 04	4 24	13 83		4	15	2	7	2	2	47	93	140
Island Creek,	John G. Morgan, W. D. Hicks, W. H. Cutts,	2 50	9 32	12 51	11 00		3 50	25	1	1		3		68	83	151
Mill Creek,	E. D. Jones, John Clayton, T. J. Montague,	2 00	5 85			8 65	3 80	2			3	2				126
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins, D. W. Eakes, J. S. Hobgood,	2 00		10 82	16 00	10 81		4	3	1	1	2	1	84	130	214
‡Mt. Zion,	J. J. Meadows, E. H. Jones, J. A. Gerry,	2 05	34 25	92 00				9	1		3	3	4	65	97	162
Mt. Harmony,	H. C. Sweeney, *David Peed,	1 00		3 60		3 00		9						15	33	48
New Light,	Jas. Z. Allen, Jas. W. Atkinson,	2 00				6 50			1	1	6	7	1			165
North Fork,	*H. H. Hester, S. F. Pate, *G. W. Watson,	2 00		1 30				7	1	1	1		1	47	87	134
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy, E. C. Montague, N. B. Cannady,	1 50	9 00	52 81	10 00	15 23		5	3		10	1		40	48	88
Olive Branch,	J. C. Rogers, J. G. Norwood, J. K. P. Stovall,	2 25				3 60	5 50	13			2		2	42	102	144
Pleasant Grove,	E. Winston, J. R. Wright, W. H. Adcock,	1 00		1 35				24		1		1	1			61
Poplar Creek,	H H. Barnes, J. R. Callis, R. R. Callis,	2 00	4 40	9 05	2 20	3 07		7	2		5	1	2	32	82	114
Providence,	John W. Rogers,	1 50						3			2	1	1	11	18	36
Tabb's Creek,																
Tally Ho,	Simon Peed, S. P. Washington, J. T. Hunt,	2 00		4 50		2 00		17	3	2	3	6		53	75	128
† 31 *col'd mems.*																
‡ 3 " "	*absent.	43	65 $119	77 $298	60 $71	05 $96	67 19	80 159	52	9	73	41	25	852	1530	2741

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Post Office.	Pastor's Salary.	CLERKS.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	$150	R. Amis,	Henderson,	1st Sabbath and Saturday before,
Antioch,	J. H. Vernon,	Roxboro,	100	J. L. Timberlake,	Long's X Roads,	3d " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	100	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	1st " " " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	150	Sam'l Clark,	Dutchville,	2d " " " "
Corinth,	F. R. Underwood,	"		W. H. Hobgood,	Oxford,	2d " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	"	250	J. P. Cannady,	"	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,		T. H. Perry,	Dutchville,	1st " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	150	C. A. Peede,	Knap of Reeds,	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X R'ds.,		B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads,	4th " " " "
Henderson,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	350	W. D. Horner,	Henderson,	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Hesters',	"	"	200	Lawson Knott,	Oxford,	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	"	150	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro,	3d " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,		T. J. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X R'ds.,	150	David Eakes,	Oak Hill,	3d Sab. and Sat. before & 1st Sab.
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner.	Henderson,		I. N. Day,	Berea,	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,		H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	2d " " " "
New Light,	Thomas Young,			J. A. J. Penny,	New Light,	2d " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,		W. R. Hill,	Red Bank, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	450	D. A. Hunt,	Oxford,	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill,	100	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek,	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,		J. W. Fuller,	Wilton,	2d " " " "
Poplar Creek,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford,	150	G. W. Wright,	Henderson,	4th " " " "
Providence,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro,	60	J. W. Buchanan,	Roxboro,	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek,						
Tally Ho,	E. F. Beacham,	Franklinton,	140	S. P. Washington,	Tally Ho,	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.

Sabbath School Statistics and other Miscellaneous Items.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	No. of Religious Papers Taken.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	S.S. Contributions.	Incidental Expenses	Vols. in Library.
Amis' Chapel,	A. B. Willingham,	Recorders 6, Kind Words 18, others 4.	1	8	85	2 41		
Antioch,	J. L. Timberlake,	No report.	1	6	60			
Bethel,	B. F. Gentry,	Recorders 2, Kind Words 20,	1	3	35	3 50		
Concord,	A. M. Veasey,	Recorders 8, Kind Words and lesson papers 30,	1	3	25	10 00		
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,	34 lesson papers	1	5	70			
Enon,	J. P. Cannady,	Recorders 8, Kind Words 36,	1	7	63	5 00	15 00	
Fellowship,								
Flat River Union,	R. Peede,	Kind Words 10, Recorders no report,	1	3	25		6 50	
Grassy Creek,	J. G. Pittard,	Kind Words 30, " " "	2	17	150	19 15		
Henderson,	F. M. Meadows,	Recorders 8,	1	10	65	17 88	50 00	125
Hesters',	L. Knott,	" no report, Kind Words 26,	1	5	67	13 71	12 00	
Island Creek,	W. T. Bowden,	" 8, " " 15,	3	15	103	19 00	10 00	
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	" no report,	1	3	55			
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	" " "	1	4	50			
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,	" " "	1		80			
Mt. Harmony,		" 3 Kind Words 13,	1		97			
New Light,		" no report,						
North Fork,	W. R. Hill,	" " "	1	5	62			
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy,	" 13, others 11, Kind Words 30,	1	11	100	27 32	52 71	160
Olive Branch,	W. W. Humphries,	" no report,	1	5	60			
Pleasant Grove,	G. W. Rogers,	" " "	1		43			
Poplar Creek,	J. E. Callis,	" 7 S. S. papers 25,	1	3	80			150
Providence,	T. H. Nelson,	" no report,	1	8	50			
Tabb's Creek,								
Tally Ho,	S. P. Washington,	" no report,	1	4	20			
			25	125	1445	$117.97	146 21	435

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Seventh Session

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT

Enon, Granville Co., N. C.,

August 10th and 11th, 1880.

Moderator, - -	F. R. UNDERWOOD,
Clerk, - - -	R. AMIS,
Treasurer, - -	A. C. PARHAM.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ENON, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,
August 10th, 1880.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-seventh annual session, met with the Church at this place to-day.

Elder J. E. Montague preached the Introductory Sermon from 2d Cor., VIII, 5.

After intermission for refreshments, the Asssociation was, in the absence of the former Moderator, called to order by the former Clerk, Bro. R. Amis, who requested Elder F. R. Underwood to act as Moderator, pro. tem.

On motion, Elder J. A. Stradley and Bro. F. P. Hobgood were appointed to read the letters from the Churches, and the names of delegates were enrolled.

On motion proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder F. R. Underwood, Moderator; R. Amis, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Elder J. D. Hufham from Chowan Association; Elder C. T. Baily, Editor of Biblical Recorder; Elder J. S. Purefoy, Agent Wake Forest College; Bro. R. J. Buffalo, Mount Zion Association.

A petition from Mary's Chapel Baptist Church was presented, and after being read, on motion was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Elders R. H. Marsh, J. E. Montague and J. A. Stradley, to examine and report upon to-morrow.

The Moderator announced the following committees :

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Enon Church.
State Missions.—Eld. J. D. Hufham, H. Stovall and J. W. Denny.
Foreign Missions.—Eld. R. H. Marsh, W. A. Woody and E. H. Veazey.
Education.—Eld. J. S. Purefoy, Simeon Tippett and R. T. Elam.
Periodicals.—Eld. J. A. Stradley, G. S. Peace, and Richard Peed.

Sabbath Schools.—Standing Committee: J. J. Meadows, J. G. Morgan and G. W. Pittard.
Prayer Meetings and Family Prayer.—Eld. R. I. Devin, B. T. Winston and Lawson Knott.
Temperance.—Eld. T. J. Horner, J. D. Knott and T. W. Buchanan.
Home Missions.—Eld. C. T. Bailey, H. T. Knott and B. D. Howard.
Systematic Beneficence.—Eld. J. E. Montague, H. C. Sweeney and S. L. Pate.
Time, Place and Preachers for next session.—T. D. Crawford, J. S. Barnes and W. H. Thomason.

On motion, the time for adjournment, owing to the prevalence of typhoid fever in this vicinity, was fixed at 4 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, speeches were limited to five minutes, and one only on the same subject.

On motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,
Aug. 11th, 1880.

The session opened with the reading of 1st Psalm by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

The committee appointed on yesterday, to examine the petition of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, for admission into this body, reported favorably, and on motion the church was received into the fellowship of the Association.

Invitation to visiting brethren accepted by T. Harrison, Agent Foreign Missionary Board, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College.

Reports of committees being in order, the following was discussed by Elders R. H. Marsh, T. Harrison, T. J. Horner, Bro. B. D. Howard and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last great command of Jesus was: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This command was intended to be of perpetual obligation on all the disciples o the end of the world. This will appear on two accounts: (1) The Apostles were commanded to teach all nations "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you;" (2) The promise of Christ's presence unto all that obey the command, "even unto the end of the world." To the extent of our ability, there-

fore, we are under the same obligations to obey this injunction in all its parts. This obligation should be made doubly effective by the consideration of the perishing condition of all nations without the Gospel. In Rom. I, 20, Paul declares that the Heathen are "without excuse." God's blessing on the work of Foreign Missions for the last half century, is full of encouragement. The largest Church in the world is Ongole in India, having a membership of 14,000, gathered among the heathen within the last three years. We therefore recommend a hearty and full reaffirmation, in sympathy, zeal, and material aid of our grand Baptist motto: "The world for Jesus."

R. H. MARSH,
W. A. WOODY,
E. H. VEAZEY,
Committee.

The following is the report on

PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report:

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of N. C., is a religious paper of such great value, as to make it the duty of every pastor and every Church in the State, to make a vigorous and unceasing effort to place the paper at least, in every Baptist family. We should never be satisfied until this is done. There are but few families so poor as not to be able to raise $2, the price of the paper. The few that may be too poor, ought to have the paper furnished them by those who are more fortunate. If this good paper were read by every family, our intelligence, our piety, and our usefulness would be amazingly increased. We would urge every brother and sister of our Association to make a more earnest effort than ever before, to extend the circulation of our denominational paper.

"Kind Words," our Sabbath School paper is worthy to be read and carefully studied by all our Sabbath Schools and families.

Let us have the Biblical Recorder in all our families for the children, but *especially* for the grown people; and let us have "Kind Words" also, for the grown people, but *especially* for the children.

We also recommend the Home and Foreign Journal published at Richmond Va., at 50c. per annum.

J. A. STRADLEY,
G. T. PEACE,
R. PEED,
Committee.

After discussion by Elders C. T. Baily, J. D. Hufham and J. A. Stradley, the report was adopted.

The following was presented, and after discussion by Elders J. D. Hufham and R. I. Devin, it was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Every Christian is by the law of Christ a missionary,—one sent to tell abroad the story of God's wonderful love, and to labor for the salvation of men. The Baptists have ever recognized the binding force of this universal law, and so have from the first, been actively engaged in spreading the Gospel especially in the home field. From one church in 1727, they have spread to all parts of the State, and have become the religious teachers of a majority of the people of the State. For this there is abundant reason to be thankful and hopeful. Still there is much land to be possessed. There are whole sections in which our principles are little known. There are feeble churches

needing to be aided in maintaining the ministry of the land, or in building houses of worship. The Board of missions of our State Convention is engaged in this work. They are putting forth unusual efforts this year, to occupy the destitute portions of our State, and they are entitled to our earnest and liberal support. Respectfully submitted, J. D. HUFHAM, Chm.,
H. STOVALL,
J. W. DENNY,
Committee.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and discussed by J. J. Meadows, and on motion, adopted:

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:
There has been a meeting of the Sabbath School Institute on each 5th Sabbath and Saturday before, during the Associational year except August, which was prevented by the Association. These Institutes have been held at Pleasant Grove, Hester's and Grassy Creek, and have been largely attended. We know of no church now without a school. The work seems to be going on well, the music has been good. We find some schools using the International lessons, and we advise all the schools to use the same. The speeches on Temperance have been very good, and we think have done great good.
Respectfully submitted, J. J. MEADOWS, Ch'm.
JNO. G. MORGAN,
GEO. W. PITTARD.
Committee.

The following was adopted on

PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER.

Your Committee believe that:
1. *Every Church should maintain the Apostolic institution of the Prayer-Meeting.*
2. *Every Christian family should have its stated seasons of divine worship.*

R. I. DEVIN,
B. T. WINSTON,
L. KNOTT.
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

If our churches would come up to the full measure of their duty in regard to Temperance, the ravages of intemperance might be staid. Let our churches cease to tolerate habitual drunkards in their communion, and let them as speedily as possible, purge themselves of all inebriates, and let it be seen that it is almost as impossible for a drunkard to enter into Christs visible kingdom here on earth, our churches, as it will be for him to enter into eternal life hereafter, and let our ministers do their whole duty in their public discourses, in preaching against this wide spread sin of Intemperance, and a great deal will be done to bring about a sound and healthy public sentiment against this ruinous evil. Our young men will see that they cannot maintain their social standing if they indulge at all in the use of intoxicating liquors, and self respect will cause them to desist. Have our churches and ministers done their whole duty? Do we feel that we are free from the blood of all the inebriates that are going down to untimely graves nearly every day?
May god help us to do our whole duty.
Respectfully submitted, T. J. HORNER,
J. D. KNOTT,
T. W. BUCHANAN.
Committee.

After an interesting discussion by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Elder T. J. Horner and Bro. S. F. Pate, the above report was adopted.

The following was read and adopted:

HOME MISSIONS.

To supply the destitution in the newly settled sections on the outer borders of the Southern territory, and to send the gospel to the Indian tribes which still find a home in the South, the Southern Baptist Convention established the Home Mission Board, located at Marion, Alabama. Dr. McIntosh, the Cor. Sec. of this Board, has within the last two years extended the work by establishing a mission among two hundred thousand Chinese on the Pacific coast, with Rev. Dr. Hartwell as Missionary. The work of the Board has been greatly blessed. Some of the strongest churches in the South, under the blessing of God, owe their existence to this Board. One or two whole tribes of Indians have been civilized and christianized. Dr. Hartwell's last report tells us that the work among the Chinese in California, is progressing satisfactorily. He has organized one or two night schools, and a large Sunday School among this people, and recently baptized one convert. The work of this Board deserves our prayers and our contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. BAILEY,
B. D. HOWARD,
H. T. KNOTT.
Committee.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

System is of the greatest importance in everything, but especially so in our contributions to beneficence. And we are glad to find that our churches, and Sunday Schools are organizing system in their work. Your committee would respectfully recommend the Bible plan of giving, as safe and practical.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. MONTAGUE,
S. F. PATE.
H. C. SWEENEY.
Committee.

On motion the above was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

The Committee on time and place of holding the next Association decide on meeting with the church at Tally Ho, on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August. Rev. F. R. Underwood to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. THOMASON,
J. D. BARNES,
T. D. CRAWFORD,
Committee.

An interesting and somewhat lengthy discussion was had upon the report on Education, participated in by Elder J. S. Purefoy, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Prof. F. P. Hobgood and Elder T. J. Horner; after which, the Association took a recess, one hour, for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Upon reassembling, the Association resumed the discussion on Education, and after discussion by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, the report was adopted.

EDUCATION.

We are glad to know that there is quite a revival on the subject of Education. All the schools of the State are improving. Wake Forest College had, during last session, one hundred and seventy-one students. Thirty of these were preparing for the ministry, to whom the College gave free tuition. Thus the trustees of the College are giving to the denomination $1,800.00 in tuition, which is about $800.00 more than is given annually for ministerial education, by the Baptists of the whole State. There are ten beneficiaries received by the board of education, whose expenses have not been fully met, and the board is in debt. There are about ten or more young brethren asking for aid to prepare themselves to preach the gospel of Christ; but there is no money in the treasury, and if there is not an immediate response to the call for aid, they cannot be received, and the cause must suffer. We hope the churches of this Association will, at their next meeting, bring this matter up, and raise a liberal contribution, and send to Prof. C. E. Taylor at Wake Forest College, Agent to the board, and thus aid in this good work; or brethren, will you say by your actions, they shall not be received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PUREFOY,
SIMEON TIPPETT,
R. T. ELAM,
Committee.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches are repuested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention; to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer.

F. R. UNDERWOOD, MODERATOR.

R. AMIS, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2d. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches; and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4th. The Moderator shall preside at the mentings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

5th. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceeding, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6th. The treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term, shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	H. Stovall, *J. R. Blanks, *W. L. Pool,	2 10	$8 13	$13 05				28	5		5	2		97	118	197
Antioch,	J. W. Denny, A. R. Foushee, G. R. Satterfield,	2 00	5 55	5 00		14 00		3	6			1		19	40	59
Bethel,	*W. A. Woody, B. F. Gentry, W. R. Woody,	2 00		7 33				1		1	2			31	106	137
Concord,	E. H. Veazey, T. B. Lyon, *J. L. Vaughn,	2 08	7 12	9 25	4 15			2				1	4	29	67	96
Corinth,	*W. J. Dean, *R. H. Buchanan, S. Tippett,	1 50	3 50	1 00					2		1	2	2	29	64	93
Enon,	*J. B. Hobgood, R. T. Elam, A. Mize,	2 00	5 85	38 70	21 20	3 45			2				1	36	42	78
Fellowship,	*F. J. Baily, G. T. Peace, *T. H. Perry,	2 25						4	2		2		1			90
Flat River Union,	Wm. Bolin, R. Peed, M. W. B. Veazey,	2 00	4 35	10 00				11	1	1		1	1	29	82	111
†Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard, B. T. Winston, J. R. Ragsdale,	2 00	10 42		7 76		30 83	34	3	1			3	93	166	259
Henderson,	*F. M. Meadows, J. S. Meadows, J. M. Currin,	1 50	9 50	15 00	56 00				7				2	32	33	65
Hesters'	S. R. Puckett, Lawson Knott, Thos. G. Dean,	2 50	19 80	16 64	5 60	11 00	13 90		2	1	9	2		49	88	137
Island Creek,	J. D. Knott, P. T. Evans, John G. Morgan,	2 50	13 70	27 00	10 00		20 00	21	3	1			1	77	92	169
Mary's Chapel,	James Z. Allen, Zadock Wheelons,	50		1 00										4	13	17
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street, T. W. Buchanan, *J. E. Link,	2 00		8 00			5 00	20	3	1	2	5	1			135
Mountain Creek,	H. T. Knott, *James Elliott, *M. S. Daniel,	2 00	10 00	10 00	10 00			2	7	3	6	4	1	80	136	216
‡Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard, P. Meadows, M. Blalock,	3 00		130 85	5 50	10 00	3 65	22	5		3	6	4	76	105	179
Mt. Harmony,	*J. W, Knott, H. C. Sweeney, *John Peed,	1 20		5 00				2	1		4			15	32	47
New Light,																
North Fork,	S. F. Pate, `R. S. Hite, *Thomas Daniel,	2 05		1 00		1 00		9	3		1		1	53	90	143
Oxford,	*T. T. Grandy, T. D. Crawford, `W. R. Beasley,	1 50	10 00	10 00	5 88	4 72		1	8	1	9	5		33	50	83
Olive Branch,	`W Humphries, H T Drumwright, A B Puryear	2 25		6 00	5 50	5 25		5			2	1	1	40	102	142
Pleasant Grove,	`G. W. Rogers, W. H. Adcock, `C. H. Grissom,	1 00						2			2	1	1	20	37	57
Poplar Creek,	`J. L. Wright, P. L. Parham, J. T. Barnes,	2 00	4 65	3 70	1 50	10 00		10	2		2	3	1	34	80	114
Providence,	William Gravett,	1 00		2 00									2	9	20	29
Tabb's Creek,																
Tally Ho,	W. H. Thomason, S. P. Washington, `G. W. Duncan,	1 75		5 00		5 00		4			7	4	3	48	69	119
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‡ 3 " "	* & ` absent.	$44 68	$112 57	$325.52	$133.09	64 42	73 38	181	62	10	57	38	30	931	1632	2563

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Post Office.	Pastor's Salary.	CLERKS.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A, Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.	$150	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Antioch,	J. H. Vernon,	Roxboro, "	100	A. R. Foushee,	Roxboro, "	3d " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "		S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, "	1st " " " "
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	150	S. Clark,	Dutchville, "	2d " " " "
Corinth,	F. R. Underwood,	" "		L. Hobgood,	Oxford, "	2d " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	" "	250	J. P. Cannady,	" "	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton, "		T. H. Perry,	Dutchville, "	1st " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	150	C. H. Peed,	Knap of Reeds, "	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X R'ds.,	150	B. T. Winston,	Young's X R'ds.,	4th " " " "
Henderson,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	350	W. D. Horner,	Henderson, N. C.	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Hesters'	R. H. Marsh,	" "	200	Lawson Knott,	Oxford, "	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	" "	150	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro "	3d " " " "
Mary's Chapel,	E. F. Beacham,	Franklinton, "		James Z. Allen,		4th " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	100	G. B. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Young's X R'ds.,	150	D. W. Eakes,	Oak Hill, "	3d " " " "
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson, N. C.		M. Blalock,	Berea, "	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro, "		H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah, "	3d " " " "
New Light, North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro, "		W. R. Hill,	Red Bank, Va.	4th Sabbath and Saturday before.
Oxford,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford, "	550	Wm. Biggs,	Oxford, N. C.	1st and 3d Sabbaths.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	100	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek, "	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove,	J. C. Hocut,	Dayton, "		J. W. Fuller,	Wilton, "	4th " " " "
Poplar Creek,	F. R. Underwood,	Oxford, "	150	G. W. Wright,	Henderson, "	4th " " " "
Providence,	E. J. Montague,	Roxboro, "		J. W. Buchanan,	Roxboro, "	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek, Tally Ho,	E. F. Beacham,	Franklinton "	140	S. P. Washington,	Tally Ho, "	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.

Sabbath School Statistics and other Miscellaneous Items.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	No. of Religious Papers taken.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	S. S Contributions.	Incidental Expenses.	Vols. in Library.	Orphan Asylum.
Amis' Chapel,	A. B. Willingham,	Recorders 7, K'd. Words 18, lesson p'rs & others 14.	1	4	50	2 40			
Antioch,	Geo. R. Satterfield,	" 15, Religious H'd. 2, F. M. Jour'l, 4,	1		30			100	
Bethel,	B. F. Gentry,,		1	2	40	4 25			
Concord,	A. M. Veazey	Kind Words and lesson papers, 25,	1	3	15	10 00	85 00		
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,	Recorders 5, " " 30,	1	5	60		1 50		11 05
Enon,	J. P. Cannady,	" 12, K'd. W'ds. & lesson papers, 52,	1	7	60	28 20	20 00	50	
Fellowship,									
Flat River Union,	R. Peed,	" 4, Baptists 2, Kind Words 10,	1	5	30		85 00		
Grassy Creek,	G. W. Pittard,		2	8	150	30 83			
Henderson,	F. M. Meadows,	" 10, Kind Words 10,	1	8	50	15 00	63 00		
Hesters'	Lawson Knott,		1	4	70	12 75			12 50
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan,	" 20, " " 14,	2	13	100		8 00	60	
Mary's Chapel,	Jos. Wheelons,		1		60				
Mill Creek,			2				20 00		
Mountain Creek,	G. W. Watkins,	" 7, " " 13,	1	6	70				
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,		1		60		50 00		
Mt. Harmony,	H. C. Sweeney,	" 2	1	6	47				
New Light,									
North Fork,	W. H. Wilbon,		1	3	45				2 00
Oxford,	T. T. Grandy,	" 16, others 12, K'd. Words &c., 40	1	12	115	33 36	250	140	
Olive Branch,	W. T. Humphries,						23 65		9 50
Pleasant Grove,									
Poplar Creek,	J. E. Callis,		1	5	30				9 00
Providence,		" 1,							
Tabb's Creek,									
Tally Ho,	S. P. Washington,								
			22	91	1082	$136.97	$606 67	350	$44 05

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tally Ho, Granville County, N. C.,

August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1881.

MODERATOR,.....A. M. VEAZEY.
CLERK,.....B. V. HOWARD.
TREASURER,.....A. C. PARHAM.

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PROCEEDINGS.

TALLY HO, Granville County, N. C.
August 16th, 1881.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-eighth annual session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder James S. Purefoy preached the introductory sermon from 1st Peter, 1st chapter, 3rd, 4th and 5th verses.

After intermission for refreshments, in the absence of the former Moderator and Clerk, upon motion, Elder James S. Purefoy was made temporary Moderator and B. D. Howard, Clerk.

On motion, Brethren John E. Ray and A. C. Parham were appointed to read the letters from the churches, and the names of the delegates were enrolled.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Bro. A. M. Veazey, as Moderator, B. D. Howard, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats, which was accepted by Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Elder J. S. Purefoy, agent Wake Forest College.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Tallo Ho church.
State Missions—John E. Ray, R. T. Clam and H. C. Sweany.
Education—L. R. Mills, A. C. Parham and Lawson Knott.
Periodicals—John J. Meadows, John G. Morgan and T. R. Averett.
Foreign Missions—Elder R. H. Marsh, C. Durham and Prof. F. P. Hobgood.
Sabbath Schools—John J. Meadows, J. G. Morgan and G. W. Pittard.
Prayer Meetings, Family Prayer—Rev. J. P. Montague, Richard Peed and M. W. B. Veazey.
Temperance—S. L. Howard, S. P. Washington and M. B. Waller.
Home Missions—J. S. Purefoy, B. D. Howard and J. E. Callis.
Systematic Beneficence—John G. Morgan, Alexander Reams and E. P. Hester.
Time, Place and Preachers for Next Session—T. R. Averett, Lawson Knott and John A. Watkins.

On motion, to-morrow, 10 o'clock, was made special hour to discuss State Mission work.

On motion, adjourned until half past nine o'clock, to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Bro. Ray read 53rd Psalm, after which Bro. C. Durham led in prayer.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren, which was accepted by Bro. N. E. Cannady, from the Central Association, Elder J. H. Vernon, of Beulah, Elder C. Durham, of Mount Zion, Elder S. H. Thompson, of the Liberty Association, Elder J. K. Falkner, visiting brother in the ministry from Kinston, Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Bro. L. R. Mills, from Wake Forest College, and Elder F. R. Underwood, from Hamilton.

Letters were received from Bethel, Grassy Creek and Henderson churches, and delegates enrolled.

Ten o'clock being the special hour appointed to discuss State Missions, the report was read and discussed by Bros. J. E. Ray and F. P. Hobgood, Elders J. S. Purefoy, R. I. Devin, J. A. Stradley and C. Durham. After which a collection was taken up amounting to $92.30, when the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to report upon this important department of our labor, feel specially gratified at the prospects in the State at large. During the past Conventional year, the State Mission Board did a grand work for Jesus. About fifty new churches were organized in different parts of the State; more than fifty new church-houses were built, and between 5,000 and 6,000 members were added to our numbers.

This year the work is very much enlarged. Encouraged by the results of our efforts last year, the Board felt constrained to make greater outlays and larger appropriations than ever before. The cause demanded it, and feeling confident that the brethren all over the State would heartily sustain us, we appointed a larger number of Missionaries than we have done at any period of our history. There are twenty-six of these self-sacrificing, devoted men of God, spending their time and talents in the service of the Master, and eternity alone can compute the results. Already a large number of churches has been organized and encouraging reports come up to us from every side.

But notwithstanding the glorious work already done and doing, there are still vast regions of territory within our bounds containing hundreds of square miles where the truth, as we hold it, is totally unknown. There are whole counties in the eastern part of the State with not more

than *one Baptist church* in them! Almost as great destitution is to be found along the valleys of the Yadkin and Catawba rivers, as well as in other sections of North Carolina. For these we ask your prayers and your alms.

The Board is now in great need of funds. The salaries of the Missionaries are due and we have not the means to pay them. We earnestly ask this Association to assist in relieving us of the present embarrassments, and our Missionaries of their pressing wants.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
R. T. ELAM,
H. C. SWEANEY,
Committee.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to consider the importance of occupying the destitute places in the bounds of our Association, consisting of Brethren B. F. Hester, Lawson Knott and S. L. Howard.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was read, and after a discussion of it by Elder C. T. Bailey, Brethren J. G. Morgan and J. J. Meadows, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully report, that the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is published at Raleigh, and is worthy of a place in every Baptist family.

Kind Words, our Sunday School paper, is also worthy of a place in every Sunday School. *The Home and Foreign Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., should have a wide circulation among our churches.

JOHN G. MORGAN,
T. R. AVERETT,
J. J. MEADOWS,
Committee.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to assist Bro. Bailey in soliciting subscribers to the RECORDER, consisting of Brethren J. G. Morgan, T. H. Street and J. P. Cannady.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after being discussed by Brethren J. E. Ray, A. C. Parham and Elder Thompson, it was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

There has been a meeting of the Sabbath School Institute during the

Associational year on each 5th Sunday and Saturday before. These Institutes have been held with the churches of Bethel, Mt. Zion, Mill Creek, and Corinth, and have been largely attended. We know of but one church without a Sabbath School; and we have several branch schools in the Association. The work seems to be going on well; the music has been good. We find some schools using the International Lessons, and we would advise all schools to use the same.

Your committee would advise the Association to keep up the Sabbath School Institute; they think great good is accomplished thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MEADOWS,
J. G. MORGAN,
G. W. PITTARD,
Committee.

Amended with this resolution and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Sunday School Institute be instructed to select for discussion at each session of the Institute, at least one subject bearing upon the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Sunday School Institute for ensuing year—F. P. Hobgood, Millington Blalock and Joseph H. Morris.

Report on Temperance was read, and discussed by Elders J. A. Stradley, J. S. Purefoy and others, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In view of the evils of intemperance, we think it the indispensable duty of every human being to do all in his or her power to promote the cause of Temperance; but especially the peculiar privilege and duty of every professing christian to wage unceasing warfare with this great enemy of humanity and man-destroying evil, both by example and precept, not to unfold the war flag for a ten year siege, or a twenty years', or a century's, but to battle until the whole human family has been delivered from its blighting influence.

S. L. HOWARD,
S. P. WASHINGTON,
M. B. WALLER,
Committee.

Report on Home Missions read and discussed by Elders J. S. Purefoy and C. T. Bailey; a collection was then taken up, amounting to $6.10, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the work of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is separate and distinct in its financial operations, but closely allied in the spirit of mission work.

Rev. E. Dodson is the accredited agent for this Board in this State. The Home Mission Board is located at Marion, Alabama. Dr. McIntosh is the Corresponding Secretary. This Board has in charge the work of supplying destitute places in the Southern States; sending the gospel to

the Indians in our Western Territory and to the two hundred thousand Chinese in California. Dr. Hartwell is now laboring among these Chinese with success. We commend the work of this Home Mission Board to the hearty co-operation of our churches.

J. S. PUREFOY,
B. D. HOWARD,
J. E. CALLIS,
Committee.

The report on Education was read, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

During the last year there were one hundred and eighty-one students at Wake Forest College. Of these, thirty-two have the ministry in view; nineteen young ministers were aided by the Board of Education. The Board has been able to meet all of its obligations, and is free from debt.

The Association is especially fortunate in having located within her bounds a school of so high a grade and so well managed as Oxford Female Seminary. We would urge our brethren and sisters to make use of the excellent facilities offered by this school for educating their daughters. We also recommend Bro. Horner's school at Henderson as affording as good facilities for training our sons as any academy in the State.

L. R. MILLS,
A. C. PARHAM,
LAWSON KNOTT,
Committee.

On motion of Elder R. H. Marsh, so much of it as relates to ministerial education was made special order for ten o'clock to-morrow.

After remarks by Prof. L. R. Mills, on motion, the Association adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow morning, with prayer by Elder F. R. Underwood.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The session opened by reading 116th Psalm and prayer by Elder R. H. Marsh. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Education again taken up and discussed by Elder C. Durham, Prof. F. P. Hobgood and others, after which the report was adopted.

On motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, the roll of the churches was called and the delegates pledged themselves to try to raise the following amounts for the education of our young ministers at Wake Forest College: Amis Chapel, $10.00; Antioch, $10.00; Bethel, $10.00; Concord, $10.00; Corinth, $10.00; F. R. Union, $10.00; Grassy Creek, $10.00; Henderson, $10.00; Hester's, $10.00; Island Creek, $10.00; North

Fork, $10.00; Mountain Creek, $10.00; Oxford, $30.00; Tally Ho, $10.00; Mount Harmony, $10.00; Enon, $25.00.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Elders C. T. Bailey, R. H. Marsh and Thompson, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marching orders of the churches are found in Christ's great command: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Until the world ends, God's people are to observe "all things whatsoever" Christ commanded the Apostles, with the promise of Christ's presence. One of these commands to be perpetuated forever is to "Preach the gospel to every creature." In this work God's special presence and blessing have hitherto been apparent. In no part of our work has there been more encouragement and success than in the field of Foreign Missions. We therefore recommend a hearty and full reaffirmation, in sympathy, zeal, and material aid, of our grand Baptist motto, "The world for Jesus."

R. H. MARSH,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
C. DURHAM,
Committee.

Report on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully suggest that system is of the highest importance in all business, and especially so in Christian work, and we recommend the Bible plan of giving as safe and practical.

J. G. MORGAN,
A. REAMS,
E. P. HESTER,
Committee.

The committee on Prayer Meeting and Family Prayer failed to report.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion, $164 balance in Treasurer's hands, was paid to State Missions.

The committee on time and place of holding next Association decided on meeting with the church at Oxford, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1882; Rev. M. V. McDuffie, of Henderson, to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, Elder F. R. Underwood was allowed to represent his cause, soliciting aid for his destitute section; amount raised, $35.00.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Business resumed.

The committee on Associational Missions reported, which was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, recommend J. J. Meadows, Jno. G. Morgan and A. C. Parham be appointed as the Associational Missionary Committee, who shall look out the destitute points within the bounds of the Association, and adopt any plan that to them may seem best to raise funds, and forthwith supply the destitution so far as practicable, and the said committee be authorized to co-operate with the State Mission Board, and to report their work to the next Association.

B. F. HESTER,
LAWSON KNOTT,
S. L. HOWARD,
Committee.

The following brethren were appointed to assist the Associational Missionary committee in raising funds to supply destitute points in this Association:

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Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer by R. I. Devin.

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CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Home Missions	S. S. Board.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.	Cal. F. missions
Antioch,	A Reams, J H Rogers, J E Yancy,	$ 2 13	.....	$ 8 75	$ 5 00	$ 13 55	$ 1 50	1	3	...	1	...	1	19	41	60	...	.....
Amis' Chapel,	J H Chandler, W R Wilson, T S Frazier,	2 00	$ 6 50	13 00	.....	7 97	.....	...	8	...	6	5	1	68	102	165	...	.....
Bethel,	S C Humphreys, R Woody, S H Yancy,	2 00	9 45	8 95	9 55	2 65	.....	8	3	1	1	6	...	39	103	142	...	.....
Concord,	A M Veazey, C Waller, T B Lyon,	2 00	9 00	15 20	6 00	.....	.....	5	1	...	1	4	2	29	67	96	...	.....
Corinth,	D E Bobbitt, W Daniel, J W Pittard,	2 00	3 85	5 25	35	8 20	.....	5	19	...	1	1	1	38	76	114	...	.....
Enon,	T R Averitt, S C Hobgood, H H Royster,	2 00	5 25	73 40	14 00	4 75	.....	5	2	...	4	1	1	35	39	74	...	.....
Fellowship,	F J Bailey, D R Wethers, J P Beck,	1 80	.....	6 98	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	...	...	29	62	91	...	.....
F. R. Union,	M W B Veazey, A Oakey, M B Waller,	1 50	7 64	7 90	5 00	.....	4 21	3	1	1	...	1	2	27	83	110	...	.....
Grassy Creek,	J R Ragsdale, J W Gordon, B T Winston,	2 00	10 00	19 86	9 75	16 00	.....	6	5	...	6	4	6	92	161	297	41	.....
Henderson,	W D Horner, S Phipps, C F Meadows,	1 50	.....	21 74	20 83	20 08	.....	2	6	1	7	2	2	31	30	61	...	.....
Hester's,	J H Morris, L Knott, R H. Frazier,	1 50	9 10	8 31	2 93	19 54	15 62	46	4	3	5	3	5	70	106	176	...	$2 25
Island Creek,	J G Morgan, B T Hicks, W H Cutts,	3 00	17 00	19 58	12 17	.....	.....	12	2	...	2	4	2	79	93	170	...	.....
Mary's Chapel,	J Wheelows, J Z Allen, E Allen,	50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	6	1	...	...	...	...	6	18	31	...	.....
Mill Creek,	T W Buchanan, S A Clayton, G B Montague,	2 00	.....	6 40	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	6	1	...	...	...	131	...	.....
Mount'n Creek.	J A Watkins, H H Hester, J S Hobgood,	1 60	13 00	7 82	14 00	9 50	.....	28	1	...	5	4	..	89	143	232	...	.....
Mt. Zion,	J J Meadows, S L Howard, Sollie O'Briant,	2 75	13 75	168 93	2 50	8 50	.....	2	3	2	4	4	6	75	101	176	...	.....
Mt. Harmony,	H C Sweaney, J. W. Knott,	1 00	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	33	47	...	.....
New Light,	E J Hester, C C Keith, W T Roachell,	2 00	3 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	1	5	3	...	56	116	162	...	.....
North Fork,	No Letter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Oxford,	T T Grandy, A C Parham, F. P. Hobgood,	1 59	15 29	6 92	60 00	.....	.....	4	17	...	7	...	1	38	57	95	...	.....
Olive Branch,	A B Puryear, E J Ramsey, W B Link,	2 00	.....	7 00	.....	5 00	.....	...	...	...	3	...	...	38	98	136	...	.....
Pleasant Grove,	J W Fuller, J E Rogers, Willie Rogers,	1 00	.....	1 82	.....	.....	.....	2	1	...	5	1	...	...	...	53	...	.....
Poplar Creek,	J E Callis, P L Parham, A L Capps,	1 50	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	2	...	7	...	4	31	79	110	...	.....
Providence,	Drury Gravitt, W Gravitt,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	30	...	.....
Tabb's Creek,	No Letter,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Tally Ho,	G W Duncan, S Peed, S H Duncan,	1 50	3 00	3 80	.....	7 25	.....	2	...	1	3	7	1	40	65	105	...	.....
		$41 75	$128 13	$414 24	$163 65	$103 99	$20 83	150	84	13	83	54	36	924	1666	2864	41	$2 25

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Pastors' Salaries.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETINGS.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	$150	W. T. Chandley	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. H. Vernon	Roxboro	150	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d " " " "
Bethel	J E. Montague	Bethel Hill	150	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	150	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " " " "
Corinth	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton	150	L. Hobgood	Oxford	4th " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	375	J. P. Cannady	Oxford	4th Sab. & Sat. bef. & 3d Sab.
Friendship	C.W.Scarborough		100	T. H. Perry	Dutchville	4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
F. R. Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford		C. A. Pode	Knap of Reeds	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Young's X Roads		B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " " " "
Henderson	A. V. McDuffie	Henderson		W. D. Horner	Henderson	1st Sab. & Sat. bef. & 3d Sab.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	200	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	200	W. L. Saukes	Williamsboro	3d " " " "
May Chapel	C. F. Beacham	Franklinton		J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " " " "
Mill Creek	Jno. E Montague	Bethel Hill		G. B. Montague	Bethel Hill	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	R. A. Devin	Young's X Roads	150		Oak Hill	3d " " " "
Mount Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson		M. Blalock	Berea	1st Sab. & Sat. bef. & 3d Sab.
Mt. Harmony	E. J. Montague	Roxboro		H. C. Sweaney	Mt. Tirzah	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
New Light	John C. Hocut	Dayton	100	Jno. A. J. Penney	New Light	2d " " " "
North Fork						
Oxford	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	500	Wm. Biggs	Oxford	1st and 3d Sabs. each month.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	100	W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	Jno. C. Hocut	Dayton	50	G. W. Fuller	Wilton	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford		Joshua G. Barns	Henderson	1st " " " "
Providence	E. J. Montague	Roxboro		A. C. Long	Roxboro	1st " " " "
Tabb's Creek						
Tally Ho	F. E. Beacham	Franklinton	140	S. P. Washington	Tally Ho	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Number of Religious Papers Taken.	Schools.	Teach'rs.	Pupil.	S. S. contribution.	Incidentals.	Vols. in Library.	Orphan Asylum.
Amis' Chapel	A. B. Wellingham,	Recorders 6, K. Words 20, Lessons 12,	1	5	60	$ 3 00	$	24	$10 87
Antioch,	G. R. Satterfield,	Recorders 10, Herald 1, F. Journal 4,	1	...	...	1 50	...	...	...
Bethel,	B. F. Gentry,	Recorders 8, K. Words 12, other papers 6,	1	3	30	...	3 25	...	...
Concord,	A. M. Veazey,	Recorders 10, K. Words 20,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,	30 Bible Helps, 20 Lesson Cards,	1	6	70	...	...	...	...
Enon,	J. P. Cannady,	Kind Words 54, other papers 15,	1	6	60	16 00	13 50	160	...
Fellowship,	J. P. Beek,	...	1	...	20	...	...	...	...
F. R. Union,	A. M. Veazey,	...	1	4	30	...	...	...	...
Grassy Creek,	J. G. Pittard,	...	1	7	81	...	...	...	...
Henderson,	F. M. Meadows,	Recorders 8, Kind Words 9,	1	7	45	75 00	10 00	75	18 00
Hester's,	L. Knott,	Kind Words 26, Lesson Sheets 20,	1	6	70	15 62	...	...	...
Island Creek,	...	20 Recorders,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mary's Chapel,	J. Wheelows,	Recorders 1, other papers 6,	1	3	50	...	...	...	...
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	...	1	...	40	...	...	...	...
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	Recorders 6, Kind Words 13,	1	12	108	13 00	...	90	...
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,	Recorders 12, Bible Helps 10, Cards 20,	1	5	70	...	...	75	...
Mt. Harmony,	J. W. Knott,	Recorders 3,	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
New Light,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oxford,	F. P. Hobgood,	Recor. 15, K. Words 35, other papers 109,	1	15	151	64	32 58	160	14 21
Olive Branch,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poplar Creek,	J. L. Wright,	Kind Words 30,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Providence,	...	...	1	6	50	...	...	...	...
Tabb's Creek,	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tally Ho,	S. P. Washington,	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

OXFORD, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1882.

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Clerk, - - - *B. D. HOWARD.*

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PROCEEDINGS.

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OXFORD, Granville County, N. C., }
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The Flat River Baptist Association met in its Eighty-Ninth (89th) Annual Session with the Church at Oxford on Tuesday, August 15th, 1882.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. M. V. McDuffie. Text: I Cor., 3d chap., 11th to 15th verses, inclusive.

After intermission for refreshments, in the absence of the former Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, Bro. B. D. Howard.

The Association was opened by prayer, Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest, leading.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood was called to act as temporary Moderator.

Letters were received and read from the various Churches of the Association, and it was found that all were represented but one.

The delegates reported were duly enrolled.

An election for permanent officers of the Association was then gone into with the following result: F. P. Hobgood, Moderator; B. D. Howard, Clerk; A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats and the following responded:

Rev. A. G. McMannaway, Tar River Association; Rev. J. K. Connally, Western Convention; Prof. C. E. Taylor, Wake Forest College-Prof. L. R. Mills, Wake Forest College; N. E. Cannady, Central Association; Rev. J. B. Boone, South Yadkin Association; Rev. J. S, Purefoy, Wake Forest College; Rev. C. T. Bailey, Biblical Recorder J. W. Denmark, Raleigh Association; T. J. Barrow, ———Timberlake, Central Association.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of the Oxford Church.
Education—T. J. Horner, G. W. Pittard, B. F. Lawrence.
Periodicals—T. H. Street, S. C. Humphries, J. W. Denny.
Foreign Missions—C. E. Taylor, H. T. Knott, Z. Eakes.
Sabbath Schools—J. J. Lansdell, W. H. Adcock, J. D. Ramsay.
Prayer Meeting—E. F. Beacham, F. Harris, G. W. Wilborn.
Temperance—R. I. Devin, E. H. Jones, W. H. Cutts.
Home Missions—J. A. Stradley, H. Wilkinson, J. D. Clark.
Systematic Beneficence—L. R. Mills, R. T. Elam, W. C. Rogers.

Time, Place and Preachers at next Session—S. P. Washington, F. P. Ramsay, A. R. Foushee.

On Letters Seeking Membership—R. H. Marsh, John E. Montague, B. F. Hester.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. K. Connally.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

A letter was read from Flat River Union, and delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Periodicals not being present, a new Committee consisting of T. H. Street, W. C. Rogers, George Pittard, was appointed.

Then was read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS:

There are vast regions of territory on our Eastern, Southern and Northern borders, as well as along the valley of the Yadkin and Catawba rivers, almost entirely destitute of the Gospel, as we hold it. We believe the Baptists have a great, God-given mission. Our distinctive views render it of great importance for us to send to, and maintain our misisters in, many villages, towns and counties in the State where other denominations have already taken hold and begun operations. This, to some, may possibly appear as an unnecessary and unimportant expenditure of funds, but to the great majority of those of our brethren who love the Lord Jesus Christ, it appears of the greatest importance to proclaim the whole Truth as we understand it.

Gratifying success has crowned the labors of our Missionaries during the past year. Many precious souls have been brought to Jesus. Churches have been organized, houses of worship built in destitute sections, and the work increases and prospects brighten as our men of God sow the seeds of Gospel Truth beside all waters.

Our State Board is composed of men of God, consecrated to the Master's service. Their operations are satisfactory to the denomination, their work well arranged and vigorously prosecuted.. They have greatly enlarged the operations of the Board, and its benefits extended to the destitute; increased the number of Missionaries employed, and now need the money to pay the expenses incurred. In relying upon the liberality of our brethren, we trust that we may not be disappointed.

We earnestly commend the work of the Board to this Association for coöperation and liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. McDUFFIE,
P. MEADOWS,
LAWSON KNOTT, } Committee.

The report was discussed by J. J. Lansdell and R. H. Marsh, and laid on the table.

The hour for preaching having arrived. the Moderator announced that Rev. J. B. Boone would preach at the Methodist Church.

The following report was read and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of Roxboro and Olive Grove Churches for admission into your body beg leave to report, that after due investigation of the Articles of Faith and Order of Roxboro and Olive Grove Churches, we recommend that the same be received into fellowship with the Flat River Association.

R. H. MARSH,
R. I. DEVIN,
J. E. MONTAGUE } Committee.

The Moderator then gave the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of these Churches.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to say:

That they have witnessed with much pleasure the growing interest taken in this branch of Christian labor by the Churches of the Association, as indicated by the letters from the Churches.

Sabbath School work means an increase of Scriptual knowledge, which is the basis of permanent success and usefulness. Of all people in the world, Baptists should be most dilligent in acquiring a knowledge of the Bible, because, with them, it not only contains the doctrines of grace by which the soul is saved, but Church Order, by which the saved are united in Church fellowship and discipline, by which the Churches so organized are to be governed. Baptists cannot, therefore, afford to be ignorant of these things, nor permit their children to remain in ignorance of them.

The question is sometimes asked : should the distinctive principles of Baptists be taught in Sabbath School? We answer, yes. If they are not a part of the Word of God, we have no right to hold them, and if they are a part of it, we have no right to withhold them from others ; they become the common inheritence of us and our children, and the sooner in life they are learned and imbibed in the heart, the better.

We are glad to see the decided stand now taken in our Sabbath Schooi literature on the subject, and we recommend its use in our Sabbath Schools.

We also recommend the use of the International Lessons for two reasons : 1st. Our current Sabbath School literature is prepared on the lessons, and affords great help in understanding the Bible, and, on account of the large quantity published, is very cheap. 2d. In traveling from home, the stanger can visit the Sabbath School and participate in the lesson of the day without any confusion on his part or that of the class.

We recommond the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, and also those of Atlanta, Ga., and call special attention to the Lesson Quarterlies, as containing valuable help in understanding the text.

The Sabbath School Institute of the Association has had a good effect in awakening an interest in the work, and we recommend that it be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LANSDELL,
SIMPSON DEAN,
J. D. RAMSAY, } Committee.

After discussion by Revs. C. T. Bailey and J. J. Lansdell, the above report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are more children and youths at schools and colleges in North Carolina than ever before. This is a most hopeful prophesy for our future prosperity as a people.

It is with gratitude to God that your Committee can report the continued prosperity of our College at Wake Forest. The Board of Trustees and the Faculty are seeking to adopt it in all respects to the needs of the Baptist people of North Carolina. The course of study is extensive and thorough, and the number of students is large. The prospects for the next session, which begins on September 1st, are very flattering.

The College for young ladies at Oxford is doing a good work in our State. The Flat River Association is to be congratulated upon having within its borders so excellent a School.

The Academy of Elder T. J. Horner & Son, at Henderson, is doing thorough work and is worthy of our patronage.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention has been compelled to enlarge work. By the Constitution of the Convention this Board is required to assist promising and indigent young ministers. Every caution is taken before receiving a young minister for aid, and the Board seeks to be faithful and honest in using the means provided by the Churches. Eighteen young ministers have already been received for aid during the next session, and six others have been invited to apply before the Board. The Board is free from debt, but in order remain so, it must receive enlarged contributions during the coming year. At the last meeting of the Association, the brethren pledged that they would try to raise $195.00. Of this amount, ——have been paid.

We commend the work of this Board to the prayers, sympathies and beneficence of the Association.

C. E. TAYLOR,
G. W. PITTARD,
B. F. LAWRENCE,
} Committee

The report was ably discussed by Prof. C. E. Taylor and Rev. J. J. Lansdell. On motion, the further discussion of this subject was postponed until 2 o'olock this evening.

Rev. R. H. Marsh moved to adjourn the Association at 4 o'clock, and go in body to the Orphan Asylum. Vote taken and motion carried.

On motion of Rev. R. H. Marsh, Rev. J. K. Connally was appointeq to preach in this house at 11½ o'clock to-morrow.

The hour for refreshments having arrived, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. James S. Purefoy.

M. V. McDUFFIE, Clerk pro. tem.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2½ o'clock, was called to order, and Bro. J. H. Vernon led in prayer.

Report on Ministerial Education was again taken up and discussed by Rev. T. J. Horner.

The Churches of the Association agreed to try to raise

the following amounts for Ministerial Education:

Amis' Chpel,	$10.00	Island Creek,	$20.00
Antioch,	5.00	Mill Creek,	10.00
Bethel,	10.00	Mountain Creek,	10.00
Concord,	10.00	Mt. Zion,	Do her duty.
Corinth,	10.00	H. C. Swiney,	2.00
Enon,	20.00	New Light	Do the best she can.
Henderoon,	50.00	North Fork	" " " " "
Oxford,	50.00	Olive Branch,	10.00
F. R. Union,	10.00	Poplar Creek,	10.00
Grassy Creek,	10.00	Providence	5.00
Hester's,	10.00	Roxboro,	5.00

On motion, 8 o'clock to-night was made special hour for a Mass Meeting in the interest of General Education.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chistianity is aggressive and aims to subdue the world. The Church received marching orders when the Captain of our Salvation gave the great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Since the revival of the missionary spirit in 1787, and the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society, much has been done to spread the Gospel among the heathen, but more remains to be done. God's presence and blessings have given encouragement and success to our missionaries in foreign lands, and ought to inspire the Churches with the hope that the day is not far distant when "the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ." Let every Baptist pray, work and give, and we may hope soon to have "the world for Jesus."

T J. HORNER,
HENRY KNOTT,
Z. EAKES,
} Committee.

Bro. D. W. Herring, from Eastern Association, who proposes to go as a Missionary to China and assist Dr. Yates, was introduced to the Association by Rev. R. H. Marsh. Bro. Herring made a telling speech for Foreign Missions, and moved the hearts of all present by relating his call of God to the work of preaching the gospel in China. Bro. Herring will never be forgotten by this body in the ages to come. He was followed by Rev. C. T. Bailey, who regards the special call of Bro. Herring as the answer of God to the prayers of North Carolina that a young man from our own borders, known to all the brethren, might go to receive the lessons of Missionary life from the lips of our distingushed and beloved brother Yates. Rev. T. J. Horner also spoke touchingly and earnestly of the call of brother Herring. Brother Horner regrets that he is an old man, and would rejoice in accompanying our young brother to China if he were himself a young man. Rev. J. J. Lansdell also spoke.

The time having arrived, the Association adjourned and went to the Orphan Asylum.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association having been delightfully entertained at the Asylum, and having contributed $52 or $53 for this institution, also wheat and promises of clothes, re-assembled at 8 o'clock and was led in prayer by Rev. J. B. Boone.

Speeches were made by Prof. L. R. Mills and Rev. A. G. McMannaway.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. A. Stradley.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Association led in prayer by Bro. T. H. Street. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals are glad to report an increasing disposition on the part of our people to take and read our religious journals. A larger number of papers are circulated in our families, Churches and Sunday Schools than ever before. The Biblical Recorder is in a prosperous condition, and is extending its circulation among the Baptists of North Carolina, and is worthy of their support, and we commend it to their confidence and advise all the heads of families in our churches to take it.

Kind Words, the paper for our Schools, is extending its usefulness, and finding a place in the Baptist Sunday Schools of the State. We also commend to the Baptists of this Association the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. PITTARD,
W. C. ROGERS,
T. H. STREET. } Committee.

Report discussed by Revs. C. T. Bailey and J. E. Montague, and adopted.

On motion of Bro. McDuffie, speeches must be limited to five minutes each, unless by special permission of the Association.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered the following as the

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Associational Missions.
2. Periodicals.
3. Education.
4. Foreign Missions.
5. State Missions.
6. Home Missions.

Rev. R. H. Marsh offered as an amendment that the Sabbath Schools be added. On motion of Bro. Stradley, the other objects in the old Order of Business be added to this Order of Business.

The Order with amendments was adopted.

Rev. J. B. Boone, by special permission of the Association, presented the claims of the Church at Statesville, and a col-

lection of monies and subscription was taken up.

Bro. Barrow presented the claims of Youngsville Church, followed by Rev C A Jenkens, and a report in monies and subscription was taken up.

On motion, the report on State Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board, before located at Marion, Ala., was changed to Atlanta, Ga. Dr. McIntosh, the former Corresponding Secretary of the Board, having resigned, Dr. I. T. Tichinor has been appointed in his stead.

The object of this Board is to supply, as far as possible, the destitute points in the Southern States, and the Indian Territory, with the Gospel as preached by Baptists.

Many thousands of Chinamen are now living in California. Dr. J. B. Hartwell is our only Missionary among this vast number of people. Encouraging success has attended his labors. More men and more money are much needed in this field.

In the State of Louisiana, there is vast and lamentable destitution. New Orleans, destined soon to become the most important city of the Western Hemisphere, has only two small Baptist Churches, too weak to support a pastor. There ought to be at least six missionary stations established among the vast population of this Priest-ridden city. $25,000 are needed in the State of Louisiana.

Among the Indians, in many of the rural districts, in many of the towns and cities of every Southern State, there is such vast and alarming destitution as ought to elicit the prayers and contributions of all true christians.

We earnestly recommend that each Church of this Association will take at least one collection a year for this Board, and forward it to B. F. Montague, Treasurer of Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. STRADLEY,
HENRY WILKINSON, } Committee.
J. D. CLARKE,

Rev. A. G. McMannaway offered as an amendment that the Association instruct the Treasurer to direct that $20.00 of our contributions be sent to New Orleans. The report as amended was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

On account of a failure on the part of the Churches to give us aid, your Committee has been unable to do the work they desired.

We have, with the limited means we had, engaged Brethren Horner, Jenkens and McDuffie to supply as far as they could the destitution in our bounds. They can and will report to this body concerning their labors, the neee-sity of the work, &c.

We would recommend that the Association secure the services of an efficient preacher whose time shall be specially devoted to mission work within its bounds. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MEADOWS, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren J J Lansdell, J J Meadows and A C Parham. On motion of Bro Stradley, the report was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, Association adjourned. Prayer by Rev Jas S Purefoy.

M. V. McDUFFIE, Clerk pro. tem.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Humphries.

Rev R H Marsh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That Brethren J. J. Meadows, B. F. Hester and A. C. Parham be appointed as the Associational Committee, and that they be authorized to adopt any plan that may be deemed best to raise the necessary funds for supplying forthwith the following missionary stations, viz: At or near Dean's Chapel, Beaver Pond, Bumpass' X Roads and some point near the State line, east of Beaver Pond, to be selected by the Committee. And resolved further, that the said Committee be instructed to raise and apply $50 to the pastoral support of Roxboro Church.

Resolved further, That the following sisters be appointed to assist the Associational Committee in raising funds in their respective Churches:

Antioch, Sister Ruffin Rue.
Amis' Chapel, Sister R. A. Stoval.
Bethel, Sister S. C. Humphries.
Concord, Sister Sam'l Clarke.
Corinth, Sister Lou Y. Pittard.
Enon, Sister Belle Hester.
Fellowship, Sister Dave Hunt.
Grassy Cr'k, Sister Geo. Royster.
Henderson, Sister Hattie Lassiter.
Hesters, Sister Julia Knott.
Island Creek, Sister Anna Gill.
Mary's Chapel, Sister Mary Allen.
Mill Creek, Sister T. H. Street.
M't'n Creek, Sister Jno. A. Watkins
Mt. Zion, Sister Mary J. Gooch.
Mt. Harmony, Sister Jas. Knott.
New Light, Sister———
North Fork, Sister Mary E. Tines.
Oxford, Sister Nona Crawford.
Ol. Branch, Sister Mollie Humphries
Pleasant Grove, Sister———
Poplar Creek, Sister Sue Barnes.
Providence, Sister S. Whit.
Tally Ho, Sister Bettie Hunt.
Roxboro, Sister Ida Lansdell.
Olive Grove, Sister———
Flat River Union, Sister Rachel Roycroft.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Institute was received.

Committee on Institute for 1883—R I Devin, T H Street and F M Meadows.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your Committee on Time and Place of Holding the Next Meeting of this Association report as follows: Place, Fellowship Church; Time, beginning on Tuesday after socond Sabbath in August, 1883; Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. A. Jenkens, at 11 a. m.

Read and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The position of this Association on the Temperance Question has been often repeated: That no Church of this body should retain in fellowship any member engaged in the sale or manufacture of alcoholic

beverages ; that every christian should personally abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, and that they will discountenance their use on all public and private occasions.

R. I. DEVIN,
E. H. JONES, } Committee.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

System is of great importance in every department of labor. We may truthfully say that there is no great success possible when this feature is neglected. All nature is a grand volume of system. God's Book is the system of Divine Truth, wherein is set forth our duty in this matter, in such expression as these : "Let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him," "Give to the Lord of thy substance, and the first fruits of all thine increase." Let us on this and all other teachings keep to God's Word, and success shall ultimately crown our efforts.

J. H. VERNON,
R. T. ELAM,
W. C. ROGERS, } Committee.

The above report was read and adopted.

Three Delegates appointed to the Baptist State Convention—Brethren J H Lassiter, J M Currin, R S Barnett.

Resolved. That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association be authorized to represent this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends of this town for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session, to the Methodist brethren for use of their church for preaching during this session, and to the O. & H. Railroad authorities for kindness in reducing fair.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

F. P. HOBGOOD, Moderator.

B. D. HOWARD, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Association Missions.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dis'd by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.
Antioch,	J L Wilkerson, J W Denny, G R Satterfield,	$1 50	$ 2 90	$14 00	$ 4 00	4 00	....	$ 2 00	2	..	..	8	4	2	15	41	54	..
Amis' Chapel	W C Rogers, A H Garner, W T Chandler,	2 00		8 59	11 65	00	10 00	5 00	20	1	..	12	4	3	62	101	163	..
Bethel.	J C Roger, J D Pool, S L Humphries,	1 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	00	.....	.....	0	1	..	6	2	..	34	101	135	..
Concord.	A M Veazey, J D Clark, S A Green	2 00		10 27	5 75	9 05	3 00	10 00	7	1	..	1	0	1	30	72	102	..
Corinth.	J F Usry, D E Bobbitt, J I Gordan,	2 00	2 20	5 26	70	00	20	.....	20	9	..	2	2	1	52	86	135	..
Enon.	James B Hobgood, R T Elam, Sam'l Hunt.	1 75	3 50	40 95	17 25	32 50	2 50	.....	3	5	..	3	1	..	36	47	83	..
Fellowship.	B F Lawrence, T H Perry, J O'Brian.	1 50	2 70	75	.....	00	.....	.....	4	1	3	8	1	1	29	59	88	..
F. R. Union.	J L Peed, M B Waller, Richard Peed.	1 50		5 60	4 35	00	.....	.....	9	0	..	9	2	2	24	84	108	..
Grassy Creek	G W Pittard, G W Royster, J H Gordan.	2 00	13 00	6 46	7 94	2 64	.....	.....	38	5	1	9	3	4	105	182	287	33
Henderson.	James H Lassiter, S Dean, H Wilkinson.	1 50	23 74	7 90	5 83	16 00	7 90	.....	4	8	..	9	..	..	33	34	67	..
Hester's.	H Hobgood, M C Dean, L Knott.	2 00	3 90	15 25	2 40	..	7 41	.....	0	9	1	6	1	1	72	106	178	..
Island Creek.	J C Norwood, W H Cutts, H Shanks.	3 00		16 20	13 00	..	....	2 27	17	1	..	1	1	1	88	100	188	..
Mary's Chap.	J Z Allen, Z Wheelows, E W Huskett.	50			....	..	5 00	.....	7	0	..	..	..	1	6	18	24	..
Mill Creek.	J H Gentry, Thos H Street, S R Parham.	1 50	75	9 25	....	....	9 25	.....	20	4	1	5	2	..	....	....	149	..
M't'n Creek.	H T Knott, Z Eakes, W H Blackwell.	1 29	5 70		8 40	4 25	....	.....	2	3	..	15	5	7	75	140	215	..
Mt. Zion.	P Meadows, E H Jones, A Slaughter.	2 50	20 00	135 00	9 22	9 25	12 00	5 00	15	1	..	4	3	1	82	105	187	..
Mt. Harmony	J W Knott, H W Sweardy, T Sweardy.	1 00		1 60	1 40	..	00	.....	4	0	6	2	2	..	14	29	43	..
New Light.	W T Glenn, L B Mangum.	1 50	3 50	2 50	2 50	..	00	.....	31	6	..	9	1	2	71	135	206	..
North Fork.	W H Wilborn, C W Wilborn, W R Hill.	2 00				..	2 00	.....	14	1	3	2	3	2	57	106	163	..
Oxford.	E C Montague, T T Grandy, F P Hobgood.	1 50	95 00	27 78	34 00	2 00	00	75 00	0	13	..	2	1	3	40	62	182	..
Olive Branch	F Harris, O Yancey, D L Ford.	1 50		5 85		..	5 00	5 00	20	6	..	1	..	..	59	100	169	..
Olive Grove.	F Keith, J Robertson, T Williams.	1 00				..	00	.....	17	7	..	1	..	2	8	16	24	..
Poplar Creek	L R Parham, J L Wright, J L Capps.	1 00	5 50			..	5 60	.....	9	0	..	4	..	1	33	75	148	..
Providence.	J D Ramsey, F R Ramsey, D Gravett.	1 00	2 50	2 50		..	00	.....	9	5	..	2	..	1	....	....	44	..
Pleas't Grove	J W Fuller, W H Adcock, J R Night.					..	00	.....	0	0	..	..	7	1	13	27	40	..
Roxboro.	J J Lansdell, A R Foushee, J C Martin.		11 35	2 50	2 50	..	00	.....	2	2	..	..	..	..	8	9	17	..
Tally Ho.	G W Duncan, S Peed, S P Washington,	1 50		7 00	.....	7 15	3 00	.....	0	0	..	12	1	1	31	61	92	..
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETIETH SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Fellowship, Granville County, N. C.,

Aug. 14th, 15th and 16th, 1883.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD, ...Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—J. J. LANSDELL, ...Roxboro, "
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM, ...Oxford, "

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PROCEEDINGS.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, August 14th, 1883.

The 90th session of the Flat River Association met with the church at Fellowship to-day, at 11 o'clock a. m.

In the absence of Elder C. A. Jenkins, who was appointed at the last session to preach the introductory sermon, that service was performed by Elder J. S. Hardaway, pastor of the church at Oxford, from Isaiah 52: 1, after which the congregation was dismissed one hour for refreshments, when the Association convened and was called to order by Bro. F. P. Hobgood, former Moderator, who read the first Psalm, and prayer was offered by Elder R. H. Marsh.

The letters from the churches were read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Antioch—John Berry, John Allen.
Amis Chapel—J. H. Chandler, Rufus Mulchi.
Bethel—T. D. Woody, J. A. Pool, J. F. Woody.
Concord—B. Clark, E. P. Coley, A. M. Veazey.
Corinth—J. F. Layton, E. T. Pittard, J. W. Hobgood.
Enon—B. F. Hester, S. T. Hunt, G. B. Elam.
Fellowship—J. P. Beck, B. F. Lawrence, F. J. Bailey.
Flat River Union—Thos. Green, K. T. Roycroft, J. L. Peede.
Grassy Creek—G. N. Pittard, D. T. Winston, J. G. Pittard.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, Moses Dean,* L. T. Howard.*
Hester's—Lawson Knott, S. R. Pucket, T. G. Dean.
Island Creek—W. H. Green, W. A. Hicks, H. Cutts.
Mary's Chapel—Jos. Wheeler, Wyatt Perry, H. J. Allen.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street,* J. H. Gentry, S. R. Parham.
Mountain Creek—B. H. Frazier, H. Frazier, W. T. Blackwell.
Mt. Zion—J. J. Meadows, Samuel Jones, E. K. Howard.
Mt. Harmony—Thomas Sweeney, H. C. Sweeney.*
New Light—M. J. Meadows, Z. V. Peede, L. B. Mangum.
North Fork—J. J. Ferrell.* S. H. Sydnor,* W. R. Hill.*
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, F. M. Meadows, O. J. Hays.
Olive Branch—B. W. Harris,* Oscar Yancey, J. E. Melton.*
Olive Grove—J. A. Aiken, William Sharon, V. Wheeler.
Poplar Creek—A. C. Parham, J. E. Callis,* J. T. Barnes.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, Drury Gravitt, E. W. Oakley.*
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Fuller, J. R. Knight, W. J. Rogers.
Roxboro—J. J. Lansdell, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—Thomas J. Smith, H. T. Beasley, William T. Hunt.

Ballot was taken for the election of officers, which resulted

*Absent.

in the election of the following: Moderator—F. P. Hobgood; Clerk, J. J. Lansdell; Treasurer, A. C. Parham.

An invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by the following: Bro. N. E. Cannady and Rev. E. P. Ellington, of the Central Association; Brethren Calvin Wilder and E. G. Beckwith, of Raleigh, and Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

A petition from a newly constituted church in Person county, called Bethany, was presented, asking membership in the Association; whereupon, on motion of Elder Stradley, a special Committee was appointed, to whom said petition was referred. Said Committee consisted of Elders J. A. Stradley and J. S. Hardaway and Bro. A. C. Parham, who, having examined into the gospel order of said church, reported favorably; and on motion, the church was received as a member of this Association and the delegates given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator. Delegates—W. A. Malone, Sim Carrington, A. B. Tilley.

Committees were appointed on the following subjects:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Fellowship church.
Education—B. F. Hester, Lawson Knott, A. R. Foushee.
Periodicals—Elder E. F. Beachum, J. H. Chandler, F. P. Ramsey.
Foreign Missions—Elder T. J. Horner, B. F. Lawrence, B. Clark.
State Missions—A. M. Veazey, T. H. Street, O. J. Hays.
Sabbath Schools—Elder J. S. Hardaway, Z. V. Peede, W. J. Rogers.
Church Letters—Elders R. H. Marsh and J. J. Lansdell, and F. M. Meadows.
Prayer Meetings—Rev. E. P. Ellington, Samuel Jones, K. T. Roycroft.
Time and Place for the next session of this Association—S. R. Puckett, W. T. Blackwell, B. F. Frazier.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder J. C. Hocut, J. T. Layton, T. D. Woody.
Temperance—Elder J. P. Montague, J. T. Barnes, M. J. Jackson.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow 9½ o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder Horner.

AUGUST 15th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by Elder J. P. Montague. Moderator in the chair. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board,—Elder Thos. Carrick, Agent of the Greenville Memorial Church,—Elder A. G. McManaway, of the Tar River Association,—Elder J. S. Purefoy of Wake Forest,

and Prof. W. B. Royall, Chm'n of the Faculty of Wake Forest College, accepted invitations to seats in the Association.

The subject of State Missions was called for, the report read and the subject discussed by Bro. John E. Ray and Elders Bailey and Lansdell, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee appointed to report on this important part of our labor, feel gratified at the prospects of the State at large. During the past Conventional year the State Mission Board did a grand work for Jesus. Many new churches were organized in the State and a larger number of church houses erected than previously in any one year. The number of mission fields increased, and consequently an increased number of missionaries have been employed by the State Board for the present year. Your Committee recommend that as new fields of labor are occupied, it is incumbent on the churches to make increased efforts to pay the laborers systematically, and not to relax their efforts until all the destitute portions of the State, from the extreme west to the seacoast, have the gospel preached to them as the Great Head of the church directed, and as advocated by Baptists. There are many important towns and fields yet to be occupied, and your Committee earnestly urge the brethren in the name of the Master, who has commanded us to go and teach all, not to rest on their armor until that great command is complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. VEAZEY,
O. J. HAYS,
Committee.

The subject of Associational Missions was called for, when Bro. J. J. Meadows made a verbal statement, and the subject was discussed by Elders Horner, Pittard, Marsh, Stradley, Hardaway and Lansdell. Subsequently a written report was made and remanded with instructions to give a history of the work during the year.

The report on Periodicals was read, and discussed by Elder Bailey, Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and Elder Marsh, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to say, that we are glad to report an increasing disposition on the part of our people to take and read our religious journals. A larger number of religious papers are circulated in our families, churches and Sunday schools than ever before. We recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as well worthy the patronage of every family in the Flat River Association, and throughout the bounds of the State. Its present circulation is about four thousand five hundred.

Kind Words, published at Macon, Georgia, is extending its usefulness and finding a place in nearly every Baptist Sunday school in

the State. We also recommend to the Baptists of this Association the *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., as well worthy our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. CHANDLER,
E. F. BEACHUM,
F. P. RAMSEY,
Committee.

The report on Education was read, and discussed by Prof. W. B. Royall, Elders Bailey, Horner and Marsh.

Pending the discussion the Association adjourned till to-morrow ten o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder Stradley.

AUGUST 16th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Carrick. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The discussion of the subject of Education was resumed, when Prof. W. B. Royall made remarks bearing directly on Ministerial Education. Pledges were then called for from the delegates as to the amount they thought could be raised by their respective churches during the following year for this purpose, when the following amounts were specified:

Amis Chapel	$10 00	Hester's	$10 00
Bethel	15 00	Island Creek	20 00
Concord	10 00	Mill Creek	15 00
Corinth	10 00	Mountain Creek	10 00
Enon	20 00	Mt. Harmony	3 00
Henderson	30 00	Olive Branch	10 00
Oxford	40 00	Poplar Creek	10 00
Flat River Union	10 00	Providence	5 00
Grassy Creek	10 00	Roxboro	5 00

The delegates from Mt. Zion stated that they would do the best they could. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is probably more interest taken now in the subject of general education, and greater efforts are being made by the people to educate their children, than ever before in this Association. And the facilities afforded by our College at Wake Forest, and the institute for young ladies at Oxford, together with academies and high schools conducted by brethren within our bounds, tend to encourage this spirit of progress. We learn that forty-one young ministers were in attendance at Wake Forest last session, thirty-two of whom were

aided by the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention. This necessitates a large expenditure of means, and we confidently recommend this work to the support of the brethren and their enlarged contributions.

B. F. HESTER,
LAWSON KNOTT,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
Committee.

On motion, the order of business was then suspended, and Elder Carrick invited to address the Association in behalf of the Memorial Church at Greenville, and a collection taken for that object as follows: Cash $24.95, pledges $37.50. Amount previously collected from the churches and brethren of the Association, $19.40.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and the subject discussed by Elder McManaway, who stated that the State Mission Board had asked for $500 from the churches of this Association for Foreign Missions during the present Conventional year, and that only $65 of that amount was lacking up to this date. Remarks by Elder Hardaway. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Ever since the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" was given, the world has been our mission field. Christianity is aggressive and aims to conquer the world for Christ. The success that has attended the labors of our missionaries in foreign lands, ought to encourage our churches at home to put forth every effort to support our brethren who are already in the fields, and to induce others to go to their assistance. In the language of last year's report, "Let every Baptist pray, work and give, and we may hope soon to have the world for Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HORNER,
Chm'n Com.

The report on Home Missions was called for and read, and discussed by Elder McManaway, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board is carried on under the supervision and direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. The mission of this Board is, as far as possible, to supply all destitute places in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention with the regular preaching of the gospel, and also to render aid to weak churches at important points until they can become self-supporting. In this way many of the best churches of the South have been established. This Board is also doing a noble work for Christ among the Chinese of California and the Indians of the Territories.

This is the noble christian work that has been so long and so faithfully represented among us by the lamented Elias Dodson. And now that this purest and best of God's servants will no more come to our homes and our churches to plead for this cause, let us see to it that regular and liberal contributions go up from all our churches to carry forward this work that has been so signally blest of God in the past.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. A. HICKS,
H. J. ALLEN,
Committee.

The amended report on Associational Missions was read, and remarks made by Elder Marsh and Brethren B. F. Hester and A. C. Parham, and the report further amended by appointing the following sisters to raise funds in their respective churches for Associational Missions during the ensuing year, to-wit:

Amis Chapel—Mrs. R. A. Stovall.
Antioch—Mrs. Ruffin Rhew.
Bethel—Mrs. Moses S. Jones.
Concord—Mrs. Samuel Clark.
Corinth—Mrs. Lue Y. Pittard.
Enon—Mrs. Eliza Currin.
Fellowship—Mrs. B. F. Lawrence.
Grassy Creek—Mrs. George Royster.
Henderson—Mrs. Hattie Lassiter.
Hester's—Julia Knott.
Island Creek—Anna Gill.
Mary's Chapel—Mary Allen.
Mill Creek—Emily Clayton.
Flat River Union—Rachel Roycroft.
Mountain Creek—Mrs. J. A. Watkins.
Mt. Zion—Alice Gooch.
Mt. Harmony—Mrs. Lucy Knott.
New Light—Theodore Jackson.
Oxford—Lizzie Marsh.
Olive Branch—Bettie Melton.
Pleasant Grove—Carrie Rogers.
Poplar Creek—Sarah Ellington.
Providence—Mrs. Rebecca Nelson.
Tally Ho—Sally Thornison.
Roxboro—Mrs. A. R. Foushee.
Olive Grove—Mrs. Wm. Sharon.
Bethany—Sarah Copley.

Brethren B. F. Winston, Ruffin Woody, J. J. Meadows, A. T. Shanks, J. H. Lassiter, L. Knott and — Gordon were appointed a Committee for Associational Missions for the ensuing year, and

Brethren Lawson Knott, A. T. Shanks and J. H. Lassiter were appointed an Executive Committee for the Associational Committee for Missions. The report was then adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS FOR 1882-'83.

We have had Elder T. J. Horner employed to preach at Bumpass' X Roads one Sabbath in each month. Having no suitable place to hold services, he was excused from service during the winter. Resuming work in March, it was continued regularly until the 5th Sunday in July, when he, assisted by Elders M. V. McDuffie and C. F. Humphries, began a meeting which lasted seven days. At its close seventeen persons were baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Zion church.

During the spring of 1883, it was thought expedient to attempt the building of a house of worship at this point. The neighborhood was canvassed and a considerable sum was secured, which, supplemented by the contributions of some of the churches, enabled us to build a neat house without touching the funds sent in for Associational Missions.

We have thought it advisable to constitute a church to worship in this house. So on Monday, the fifth of August, 1883, we organized a church called Bethany, of fifteen members, who start off with a good house and free from debt. They have called Elder Horner as pastor for next year. They will not be able to pay him enough without further aid from the Association.

At Beaver Pond Elder G. N. Pittard has been preaching. No special evidences of success at this point.

Elder J. S. Hardaway has been preaching at Kittrell's once each month since February, 1883. Services are held in the chapel of the school at the Springs. The congregations have been good, and he hopes sometime in October to hold a meeting here, aided by Bro. J. E. Hutson. The field is at present occupied by other denominations, but we ought, with the help of God, to go up and possess the land, for we are able.

For reasons that we thought good and sufficient, nothing was done at the point below Townesville, indicated by the Association.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Received		$288 20
Paid Elder C. F. Humphries	$ 6 00	
" " M. V. McDuffie	7 20	
" " T. J. Horner	75 00	
" " G. N. Pittard	75 00	
" " J. S. Hardaway	75 00	
" by order of Association to Roxboro church	50 00	
		$288 20

J. J. MEADOWS,
Chm'n of Board.

Elder Stradley was, on motion, appointed a special Committee to draft a resolution in regard to the Sabbath School Institute.

The Committee on Time and Place for the next meeting of the Association reported Grassy Creek as the place, and Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August, 1884, as the time, and Elder T. J. Horner to preach the introductory sermon.

Elder Stradley moved to amend by striking out "Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August," and inserting "Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October," which was lost by nearly a unanimous vote, and the report as made by the Committee was adopted.

The report on Church Letters was read and adopted. (See page 13.)

Reports on Temperance, Prayer Meetings and Systematic Beneficence were read and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

So far as we can learn, the churches of the Flat River Association promptly withdraws fellowship from any person who engages in the sale or manufacture of alcoholic spirits. And the teaching of our ministers is to abandon entirely the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
J. P. BARNES,
M. J. JACKSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

As food regularly taken is necessary to sustain animal life, so prayer is essential to spiritual development. We therefore recommend that the messengers of each church urge their respective churches to encourage prayer meetings by their presence and labors.

E. P. ELLINGTON,
SAMUEL JONES,
K. T. ROYCROFT,
Committee.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

God in all his works is seen as a systematic benefactor. "We are laborers together with God," and we should take him not only as our guide, but also as our pattern. We receive from our Father systematically, and we should *give* accordingly. Our "rule of faith and practice" says, "Let every one of you, upon the first day of the week, lay by in store as the Lord hath prospered him." Again, the *needs* of those upon whom our deeds of beneficence are bestowed, are systematic, hence our deeds should accord therewith. In using system, we may claim God's blessing, and in no other way.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. HOCUT,
J. F. LAYTON,
JOHN F. WOODEY,
Committee.

Elder Stradley, as special Committee, offered the following, which was adopted:

We recommend that our Sabbath School Institute be continued, and that a committee of three be appointed to select subjects for discussion, and time and place for meetings."

In pursuance of the foregoing report, Brethren B. D. Howard, T. J. Smith and A. C. Parham were appointed a Committee on S. S. Institutes for the ensuing year.

Brethren B. F. Hester, J. H. Lassiter and F. P. Hobgood were appointed delegates to represent the Association in the next meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The Treasurer made his report, which was approved.

A. C. PARHAM, *Treasurer, in Account with Flat River Association.*

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	Education.		For. Missions.		Home Missi'ns.		Sun. School.		State Missi'ns.		Asso. Missi'ns.	
		Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Cash Forw.	Cash Rec'd.	Forw.	Cash Rec'd.
Amis' Chapel,	$ 2 00		$ 7 90	$ 12 65							$ 16 72		$ 12 32
Antioch,	1 50			9 55	$ 10 50						8 25		
Bethel,	1 80		10 00		32 20						10 75		
Bethany,	1 00												
Concord,	1 50	$ 10 00		11 40		$ 5 25				$ 14 70			27 65
Corinth,	2 00		4 48		4 14		$ 4 14						6 00
Enon,	1 70		33 60		44 25		3 75				3 95		14 70
Fellowship,	2 25	2 48									2 26		
Flat River Union,	1 50	4 00		8 45						7 30			11 65
Grassy Creek,	2 00	10 00		6 42						7 00			13 50
Henderson,	1 50	50 00		16 50									
Hester's,	2 00	2 00	4 90	4 35	10 55	5 59	2 67			8 59	1 55		71 18
Island Creek,	3 00	22 94		16 22		13 55		$ 1 50		18 00			21 50
Mill Creek,	1 50				20 85						5 00		3 00
Mountain Creek,	2 00		5 25	6 50						6 70			10 00
Mt. Zion,	2 00		14 19		129 48		6 19				7 19		35 25
Mt. Harmony,	1 00		2 00		3 50								
New Light,	1 50		3 30		3 30						3 30		
North Fork,	2 00												
Oxford,	1 50	38 34		16 67		15 50					20 00		36 76
Olive Branch,	1 50				8 75		8 75						
Pleasant Grove,	1 50												
Providence,	1 50				2 72		2 72						
Poplar Creek,	1 50		3 79		27 16		2 00			5 00	11 61		18 56
Tally Ho,	1 50				13 24		75				1 50		

Mary's Chapel,	50												
Olive Grove,*	1 25												13
Roxboro,	1 00	5 00			7 75					5 00	1 75		6 00
Tar River Acad'y S. S.,					6 27								
	$45 50	$139 72	$ 79 41	$108 00	$324 66	$ 39 89	$ 30 97	$ 1 50		$ 81 74	$ 93 83		$288 20

Whole amount cash received, ... $ 862 64
Amount forwarded, ... 370 85

Whole amount, ... $1,233 49

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PARHAM, *Treasurer.*

*Paid by Association, 13 cents.

A Sabbath School at Tar River Academy sent up to the Association $6.27, without designating the object to which it was to be applied; and it was ordered that it be applied to Foreign Missions.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Board of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder Purefoy.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk*.

NOTE.

Elder Pittard preached at the stand Tuesday afternoon; Elder Carrick, Wednesday a. m., and Elder McManaway in the afternoon. No preaching on Thursday in consequence of rain.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	Home Missi'ns.	Sunday Schools.	Associa'l Missi'ns.	Church Ext'ns'n.	Orphan Asylum.	Aid to D. W. Herring.	Other Objects.	Total.
Amis' Chapel,	$ 7 90	$ 16 72	$ 12 65			$ 12 32		$ 10 00	$ 29 30		$ 59 59
Antioch,	5 00	8 25	20 05								33 30
Bethel,	10 00	10 75	32 20					18 40	8 00		79 35
Concord,	10 00	14 70	11 40	$ 5 25	$ 16 00	26 50			13 00		83 85
Corinth,	4 48		4 14			6 00					14 62
Enon,	23 60	3 95	44 25	3 75		14 70	$ 88 75		30 00		208 30
Fellowship,	2 48	2 00									4 48
Flat River Union,	4 00	7 30	8 45		8 39	11 65	16 30				56 09
Grassy Creek,	10 00	7 00	6 42			13 50					36 92
Henderson,	50 00	9 45	16 50			12 81	35 00			$ 35 00	158 76
Hester's,	6 90	9 09	14 90	8 26	20 82	71 18	46 10	15 00	24 73	3 60	220 58
Island Creek,	22 95	18 09	16 22	13 55	1 50	21 50	16 80		23 00	3 70	137 22
Mary's Chapel,											
Mill Creek,		5 00	20 85			3 00		13 56	7 00		49 41
Mountain Creek,	5 25	6 70	6 50			10 00	18 00		33 81		80 26
Mt. Zion,	14 19	7 19	129 48	6 19		35 25	178 50		50 00		420 88
Mt. Harmony,	2 00		3 50								5 50
New Light,	3 30	3 30	3 30								9 90
North Fork,											
Oxford,	38 34	20 00	16 67	15 50		36 26	34 00		23 00		183 77
Olive Branch,			8 75	8 75	12 00				2 00		31 50
Poplar Creek,	3 79	26 61	27 16	2 56	15 50	18 56	20 00				114 18
Providence,			2 72	2 72							4 14
Roxboro,	5 00	1 75	7 75		6 75	6 00					27 25
Tally Ho,		1 50	4 55	75	10 75		48 00		14 00		79 55
	$ 231 18	$ 179 26	$ 417 91	$ 67 38	$ 91 71	$ 288 20	$ 501 45	$ 56 96	$ 215 54	$ 42 30	$ 2,150 92
Collection at Association for Greenville Church,							24 95				24 95
							$ 526 40				$ 2,175 87

Table of Pastors, Clerks, Post Offices and Days of Meetings.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Antioch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, N. C.,	J. L. Wilkerson,	Roxboro, N. C.,	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Amis' Chapel,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan, "	1st " " " "
Bethel,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	S. C. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Bethany,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson, "	W. A. Malone,		
Concord,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	Samuel Clark,	Dutchville, N. C.,	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Corinth,	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, "	L. Hobgood,	Oxford, "	2nd " " " "
Enon,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	J. P. Cannady,	Oxford, "	4th " " " "
Fellowship,	J. C. Hocut,	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry,	Beck, "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	C. A. Peede,	Knap of Reeds, N.C.	4th " " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, "	B. T. Winston,	Young's X Roads, "	4th " " " "
Henderson,	M. V. McDuffie,	Henderson, "	W. D. Horner,	Henderson, "	1st, 2nd and 3rd Sabbath.
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	Lawson Knott,	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "	H. T. Shanks,	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " " "
Mary's Chapel,	E. F. Beachum,	Franklinton, "	J. Z. Allen,	Grissom, "	1st " " " "
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Gentry,	Mill Creek, "	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek,	R. I. Devin,	Oxford, "	D. W. Eakes,	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Zion,	T. J. Horner,	Henderson, "	M. Blalock,	Berea, "	1st " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	C. F. Humphries,	Oxford, "	H. C. Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah, "	4th " " " "
New Light,	J. C. Hocut,	Dayton, "	Z. V. Peede,	Rogers' Store, "	2nd " " " "
North Fork,	E. J. Montague,	Gibbons, "	W. P. Hill,	Red Banks, Va.,	4th " " " "
Oxford,	J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, "	W. P. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.,	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbath.
Olive Branch,	J. E. Montague,	Bethel Hill, "	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Stere, "	J. A. Aiken,	Dutchville, "	2nd " " " "
Poplar Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	J. L. Capps,		1st " " " "
Providence,	E. J. Montague,	Gibbons, "	A. C. Long,	Roxboro, N. C.,	1st " " " "
Pleasant Grove,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store, "	J. W. Fuller,	Wilton, "	1st " " " "
Roxboro,	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro, "	A. R Foushee,	Roxboro, "	2nd Sabbath.
Tally Ho,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "	S. P. Washington,	Tally Ho, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Amount Raised.	Conversions.
Antioch,			1	--	38	---	$ 11 00	--
Amis' Chapel,*	A. H. Garner,	Buchanan,	1	6	60	---	-------	--
Bethel,	J. B. Barrett,	Bethel Hill,	2	3	20	10	3 02	--
Bethel,	J. L. Gentry,	Bethel Hill,	--	7	40	12	10 25	--
Bethany,	W. A. Malone,		1	--	----	---	-------	--
Concord,†	A. M. Veazey,	Kn'p of R'ds,	1	4	45	---	16 00	--
Corinth,	L. Hobgood,		1	6	40	---	-------	--
Enon,	B. F. Hester,	Oxford,	1	7	----	119	-------	6
Flat River Union,	A. M. Veazey,	Kn'p of R'ds,	1	3	30	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	G. N. Pittard,		4	4	38	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	C. M. Gorden,		--	5	76	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	W. S. Gorden,		--	5	50	---	-------	--
Grassy Creek,	D. T. Winston,		--	4	50	---	-------	--
Hester's,	Lawson Knott,	Oxford,	--	12	75	---	20 82	--
Island Creek,	J. L. Kelly, / P. B. Sneed, / G. O'Briant,	Williamsb'ro,	3	--	----	---	-------	--
			--	--	120	---	-------	--
			--	--	----	---	-------	--
Mary's Chapel,‡	Jos. Wheeler,	Grissom,	1	4	70	---	-------	--
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	Mill Creek,	1	8	52	---	1 00	--
Mountain Creek,	W. S. Eakes,		1	--	----	---	-------	--
Mt. Zion,	B. D. Howard,		1	--	60	---	-------	--
Mt. Harmony,§	Thomas Sweeney,	Mt. Tirzah,	1	4	40	---	-------	--
North Fork,	C. S. Hilt,		1	--	----	---	-------	--
Oxford,‖	F. P. Hobgood,	Oxford,	1	--	150	150	60 00	--
Olive Branch,	J. C. Humphries,	Mill Creek,	1	--	40	---	-------	--
Poplar Creek,	A. C. Parham,		1	7	50	---	14 54	--
Providence,			1	--	----	---	-------	--
Roxboro,**	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	1	5	30	75	6 75	--
Tally Ho,	H. T. Beasley,	Tally Ho,	1	4	25	---	8 69	--
			28	98	1,099	366	$152 07	6

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS TAKEN.

*Kind Words 25, Lesson Cards 24.
†Kind Words 22, Biblical Recorder 10.
‡Biblical Recorder 1, Royal Road 2, Sabbath Home 5, Weekly Magnet 4.
§Biblical Recorder 3.
‖Kind Words 41, Ad. Qr. 80, Little Ones 30.
**Young Reaper 10, Sun Light 10, Ad. Qr. 10, Biblical Recorder 4, Religious Herald 1, Christian Herald 1.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salaries.	Incidental Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.
Antioch	$100 00	------	---	---	---	1	2	--	13	34	47	--
Amis' Chapel	150 00	------	---	---	---	6	1	3	55	96	151	--
Bethel	100 00	------	---	---	---	1	--	2	56	110	166	--
Bethany	------	------	---	---	---	--	--	--	----	----	15	--
Concord	150 00	$100 00	---	2	--	2	1	1	29	71	100	--
Corinth	------	------	12	3	--	5	2	--	52	91	143	--
Enon	------	------	6	4	--	5	1	--	37	46	83	--
Fellowship	100 00	55 00	15	3	--	1	--	2	34	70	104	--
Flat River Union	150 00	------	9	2	--	--	1	--	30	89	119	--
Grassy Creek	200 00	------	---	--	--	7	1	1	99	177	309	33
Henderson	600 00	128 28	3	11	1	4	3	--	39	34	73	--
Hester's	200 00	26 50	17	4	--	4	1	--	84	107	191	--
Island Creek	200 00	------	3	1	--	1	2	5	83	95	178	--
Mary's Chapel	------	------	---	1	5	--	--	--	10	20	30	--
Mill Creek	100 00	5 00	21	8	1	1	--	--	42	92	134	--
Mountain Creek	------	------	18	3	--	4	11	1	72	143	215	--
Mt. Zion	------	------	34	6	1	21	2	3	85	115	200	--
Mt. Harmony	------	------	---	--	--	--	--	--	14	28	42	--
New Light	100 00	------	5	1	--	4	2	1	66	135	201	--
North Fork	------	------	---	--	--	2	5	--	54	101	155	--
Oxford	650 00	166 73	---	8	--	8	1	1	35	56	91	--
Olive Branch	100 00	------	---	--	--	1	2	--	56	110	166	--
Olive Grove	50 00	------	---	1	--	3	--	--	7	13	20	--
Poplar Creek	150 00	------	7	11	--	--	2	1	40	79	119	--
Providence	------	------	---	--	--	--	--	1	18	29	47	--
Pleasant Grove	------	------	4	--	--	--	3	1	15	26	41	--
Roxboro	100 00	88 00	---	--	--	--	--	--	7	9	16	--
Tally Ho	------	------	6	--	--	2	2	1	35	57	92	--
			160	69	8	83	45	24	1,167	2,033	3,248	33

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

GRASSY CREEK, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 12th, 13th and 14th, 1884.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD, ... Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—J. J. LANSDELL, ... Roxboro, "
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM, ... Oxford, "

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1884.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	IF PASTOR.	RESIDENCE.
Atkinson, J. W.	Roger's Store, N. C.	Pastor.	Wake County.
Devin, R. I.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Horner, T. J.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Humphries, C. F.	Oxford, "	"	Granville County.
Hardaway, J. S.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Lansdell, J. J.	Roxboro, "	"	Roxboro.
Marsh, R. H.	Oxford. "	"	Oxford.
Montague, Jno. E.	Bethel Hill, "	"	Person County.
Montague, E. J.	Gibbon, "	"	"
McDuffie, M. V.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson,
Pittard, G. N.	... .	"	Granville County.
Stradley, J. A.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.

Proceedings.

Grassy Creek Church, August 12th, 1884.

The Flat River Association met with the Grassy Creek church to-day at 11 o'clock, in its 91st session. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Horner, from Isaiah 35: 10. After an intermission of one hour the Association was called to order by Bro. F. P. Hobgood, former Moderator, the 121st Psalm was read and prayer offered by Elder J. A. Stradley.

The roll of the churches being called, the letters were read, and the following delegates enrolled, to-wit:

Antioch—J. W. Denny, J. R. Berry, M. W. Jordan.*
Amis' Chapel—E. N. Wilkerson, A. H. Garner, H. S. Nelson.
Bethany—R. C. Jones, James Copley, Guy Sweeney.
Bethel—W. T. Woody, Ruffin Woody, H. T. Rudder.*
Concord—E. C. Coley, Simeon Green, J. D. Clark.*
Corinth—J. I. Gordon, A. A. Clay, D. E. Bobbitt.*
Enon—B. F. Hester, R. T. Elam, Jos. F. Currin.
Fellowship—H. O'Briant,* T. C. Jones,* D. R. Withers.*
Flat River Union—M. W. B. Veazey,* J. L. Peed,* Wm. Tippett.*
Grassy Creek—J. R. Callahan, Thos. Wilson, G. V. Throchmorton.
Henderson—S. Dean, S. H. Allen,* P. Wilkinson.*
Hester's—S. R. Pucket, M. L. Traylor, Lawson Knott.
Island Creek—R. L. Dunn, R. A. Gill, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen, J. Wheelous, H. J. Allen.
Mill Creek—R. C. Pugh, S. A. Clayton, J. H. Gentry.
Mountain Creek—W. S. Eakes, G. W. Watkins, B. W. Eakes.
Mt. Zion—M. Blalock, D. J. Gooch, B. D. Howard.
Mt. Harmony—E. J. Montague, D. E. Peed,* D. W. Knott.
New Light—E. P. Hester,* Allen Bailey,* L. B. Mangum.*
North Fork—W. H. Wilborn, C. W. Wilborn, S. H. Sydnor.*
Oxford—F. M. Meadows, F. P. Hobgood, J. M. Currin.
Olive Branch—B. W. Harris, J. J. Drumwright, B. R. Puryear.
Olive Grove—Not represented.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, A. C. Parham, W. A. Parham.
Providence—J. D. Ramsey, Drury Gravitt, E. W. Oakley.*
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Fuller,* W. H. Adcock,* S. J. Rogers.*
Roxboro—A. R. Foushee, J. J. Lansdell, W. R. Clinard.*
Tally Ho—S. P. Washington, W. C. Peed, J. O. Bratcher.

*Absent.

Ballot was taken for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: *Moderator*—F. P. Hobgood; *Clerk*—J. J. Lansdell; *Treasurer*—A. C. Parham.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren to seats in the body: C. T. Bailey, D. D., editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, accepted the invitation.

Committees were appointed on the following subjects:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Grassy Creek church.
Periodicals—R. H. Marsh, J. C. Currin, T. C. Jones.
Education—J. S. Hardaway, M. W. B. Veazey, S. Dean.
Foreign Missions—J. A. Stradley, M. L. Traylor, R. A. Gill.
State Missions—E. P. Ellington, J. Z. Allen, R. C. Pugh.
Sunday Schools—B. D. Howard and the Committee on Sunday School Institutes.
Church Letters—B. F. Hester, J. M. Currin, B. W. Harris.
Prayer Meetings—J. E. Montague, G. W. Wright, J. D. Ramsey.
Time and Place of Next Meeting—M. Blalock, W. C. Peed, R. C. Jones.
Systematic Beneficence—A. C. Parham, A. R. Foushee, L. B. Mangum.
Temperance—F. M. Meadows, D. W. Knott, E. C. Coley.
Home Missions—R. I. Devin, Geo. Watkins, W. A. Parham.

The Committee on Periodicals reported, and after remarks by C. T. Bailey, D. D., and J. J. Lansdell, the report was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would repeat what has been so often stated in this body, that the importance of a good religious paper in the families of our churches cannot be overestimated. It informs the head of the family of the great work being done by the servants of Christ, throughout the State and the world; quickens his interest in all the work of the church, and brings joy and gladness to the heart of all. To the children of our homes it is a great educator and stimulant, and goes far toward training them to walk in paths of rectitude. No church or pastor can afford to live without it. It helps in all departments of our work. Your committee, therefore, recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, price $2.00 per year, and *Kind Words*, to all our brethren, and would urge them to read the papers. We also call attention to the *Living Preacher*, to be published at an early day by Rev. J. J. Lansdell, to this body, as worthy of a place in our homes. This will be a monthly, at $1.00 a year, and will not occupy any field now occupied in the churches.

R. H. MARSH, } *Com.*
J. C. CURRIN, }

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Preaching at the stand to-day at 3 o'clock, by Elder J. S. Hardaway.

WEDNESDAY, August 13th.

The Association met to-day according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. A. Stradley. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and corrected.

Elder J. S. Purefoy, of the Central Association, and Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, accepted the invitation to seats in the Association. Elder Purefoy said that he believed this was the first time he ever visited the Association having no special business; that he just came to see the brethren and be with them.

The report on Education was read, remarks made by Prof. Taylor, Elder Horner, Elder Lansdell and Bro. F. P. Hobgood, and the report adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No Board commends itself to our consideration more forcibly than the Board of Education. The hope of all our Boards is an educated ministry—a ministry wise to divide aright the word of truth. It would seem that the churches would rally around this Board with an ever increasing enthusiasm, but how often are we reminded by appeals from the Board that it is sometimes sadly embarrassed. Such was the case during the past year, and the Board is still greatly embarrassed as to its future action. The churches should never be satisfied until they contribute sufficient funds to give every worthy young minister in North Carolina as thorough fitness as possible for the work of the ministry. It is gratifying to mark the continued prosperity of the excellent schools in our bounds. The Horner Male School at Henderson, and the Oxford Female Seminary merit our patronage, and are schools of which we may well be proud.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
D. G. GOOCH, } *Com.*
S. DEAN,

Pending the discussion on the above report the following pledges were made by the delegates, for their respective churches, for the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, to the extent that they would try to have the amounts raised, to-wit:

Antioch $5; Amis' Chapel $10; Bethel $10; Concord $10; Corinth $10; Enon $20; Flat River Union $10; Grassy Creek $15; Hester's $10; Island Creek $20; Mill Creek $15; Mountain Creek $15; Olive Branch $10; Roxboro $5; Mount Zion $30; Oxford $50; Mary's Chapel $2.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and discussed by Elders Stradley, Horner, Lansdell, Hardaway, Purefoy and Marsh, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved 1: That the fact that God is so abundantly blessing our Foreign Mission work, ought to make every Christian increasingly thankful and liberal in the support of this good work.

Resolved 2: That the Baptists of North Carolina should be *specially* interested in the Foreign Mission work, owing to the fact that God has called from our own State, to this, Dr. M. T. Yates, one of the oldest, greatest and best of Missionaries, and that He has recently called to the same work, our young and talented brethren, D. W. Herring and R. T. Briant.

Resolved 3: That we, as an Association, will undertake to bear one-half or more of the expenses of a Foreign Missionary.

J. A. STRADLEY,
M. L. TAYLOR,
R. A. GILL,
} *Com.*

On motion, the order of business was suspended to hear a statement from Elder Horner, of his work as Missionary for the Association, during the past year. He gave a graphic statement of his labors and success with the Bethany church, Person County.

The report on State Missions was read, and after remarks by Rev. E. P. Ellington, Bro. Pugh, Dr. Bailey, Elder Purefoy, and a collection of $21.30 for Mary's Chapel, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, The work of the State Mission Board reaches the destitution in our State which cannot be successfully met otherwise:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association support it liberally by their prayers, labor and means.

E. P. ELLINGTON,
J. Z. ALLEN,
R. C. PUGH,
} *Com.*

The report on Associational Missions was read. Remarks by Elder Pittard, Bro. Traylor, Elder Lansdell, Bro. B. F. Hester and Bro. Howard; and J. J. Meadows, H. T. Shanks and G. N. Pittard were appointed Executive Committee for Associational Missions the ensuing year. [Not handed in.]

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday School Institutes beg leave to submit the following:

During the Associational year Sunday School Institutes have been held at Providence, Concord and Poplar Creek. At Providence there was but a small attendance, owing to the fact that they failed

to get the notice of the meeting. At Concord we had a large congregation, and we think good was accomplished. At Poplar Creek we had a very good time. The presence of Bro. Ray added much interest to the meeting. He made us a fine speech on State Missions, and we then took up a collection for the same amounting to $14.02.

Respectfully snbmitted,

B. D. HOWARD, } *Com.*
A. C. PARHAM, }

The committee on Prayer Meetings made the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

All christians feel the importance of earnest and continual prayer; but a concert of prayer is more beneficial in its effects on the churches and individuals. We therefore recommend to all our churches the importance of weekly prayer meetings.

Respectfully,

J. E. MONTAGUE, } *Com.*
J. D. RAMSEY, }

The Committee on time and place for the next meeting of the Association reported Hester's as the place, and Tuesday after the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1885, as the time, and Elder M. V. McDuffie to preach the Introductory Sermon; all of which was adopted.

The Association adjourned till to-morrow ten o'clock. Preaching at the stand to-day, 11 a. m., by Elder R. H. Marsh, and 3 p. m., by Elder C. E. Taylor.

THURSDAY, August 14th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. A. C. Parham. Minutes read and corrected.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was read, and after remarks by Elders Marsh, Stradley, Hardaway, Lansdell, Brethren A. C. Parham, Dean, Gordon, Elder E. J. Montague, Bro. Howard and Elder Purefoy, the same was adopted, as follows:

One great defect in our benevolent operations is the want of system. Too much is left to be done at the close of the Associational year, which produces too great a strain at one time. In each church it would be well to raise contributions at stated intervals during the year for one object at a time, and let that object be well understood. This plan would prevent confusion, and enable the contributors to act much more intelligently. Each pastor should instruct

the church which he serves as to the various objects claiming our regular contributions, and urge their importance as a part of the service we owe to God, and see that contributions are raised. A pastor who fails to inform himself and to instruct the members of his charge on benevolence, fails at a most important point. A very efficient means of giving instruction on this subject is the encouragement of our own current literature. While literature published in other States may be good, yet it does not and cannot give that regular information furnished by our own publications, which is so necessary to keep us abreast with the work and in sympathy with it. Those churches do most according to their means that have regular system; those do least which have the least system, and those having no system do nothing.

A. R. FOUSHEE, } *Com.*
A. C. PARHAM, }

The report on Temperance was read. Remarks by Elders Stradley and Marsh, and Brethren F. M. Meadows and B. F. Hester. Elder Marsh thought it a bad sign to see church members going into grog shops; that such places should be avoided. Bro. Hester spoke of two doors to grog shops —the front door and the back door; that if you go into the back door and patronize the establishment secretly, the keeper will insult you by telling it the first opportunity. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would emphasize the opinion, often repeated by this Association, that intemperance, especially in the use of ardent spirits, is an alarming evil, ruinous to soul and body, for time and eternity. We believe the only prudent and safe course for church members is *total abstinence.* To the churches we would commend firm, prompt and brotherly assistance in the reclamation of offenders. The object of discipline is to reclaim. The best way of avoiding the habit of intemperance is private counsel, labor and prayer on the first appearance of an evil tendency. Delay at this critical moment often results in confirmed habits of drunkenness. To be faithful, our churches must do their whole duty in private before arraigning the offender before the church. When private efforts fail, prompt and impartial action by the church should follow. The stigma of harboring drunken members must be blotted from our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MEADOWS, } *Com.*
E. C. COLEY, }

The Committee on Church Letters made the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Clerk is instructed to prepare a full tabulated statement of the finances of the churches as reported in their letters and publish the same in the minutes of the Association.

B. F. HESTER,
J. M. CURRIN, } *Com.*

The report on Home Missions was read. Remarks by Elder Stradley. The Clerks of the churches were appointed to bring the subject of Home Missions before their respective churches. Report adopted, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing a great work. It is trying to supply all the destitute portions of the Southern States with the Gospel, to aid feeble churches in supporting their pastors at important places, and also to send the Gospel to the Indians. This work commends itself to our hearty co-operation and support. We should pray for and contribute cheerfully in furthering this grand work.

That all our brethren and sisters may have an opportunity to give to Home Missions, your Committee would recommend the appointment of one brother in each church composing this body, whose business it shall be to bring this subject before his church and secure contributions for the same.

Respectfully,

R. I. DEVIN,
W. A. PARHAM, } *Com.*
G. W. WATKINS,

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. [Not to hand.]

Ordered that $2.31 in the hands of the Treasurer unapplied be given to the Lincolnton church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the pastor and delegates of each church in this Association be requested to appoint one sister in their respective churches to collect funds for Associational Missions, and report the names of the sisters appointed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, J. J. Meadows, Oxford, N. C.

The following form of Church Letter was adopted and the churches requested to use the same:

CHURCH LETTER.

To Flat River Association:

Name of Church ..... Delegates.....
Name and Post Office of Clerk,.....
Name and Post Office of Pastor,.....
Time of Meeting,.....

STATISTICS:

Baptized..... Received by Letter..... Restored.....
Dismissed by Letter..... Died..... Excommunicated.....
Number of Males..... Mumber of Females..... Total membership.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ministerial Education,	forwarded,	$.....	On hand,	$.....
Home Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
State Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
Foreign Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
Associational Missions,	"	$.....	"	$.....
Am't of all other benevolent contributions,	expended,	$.....	"	$.....
Contributions of Suuday Schools,		$.....	Total	$.....

REMARKS:

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of Schools.....
Names and Post Office of Superintendents,.....
Number of Teachers..... Average attendance of Pupils,.....
Contributions, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....

REMARKS:

By order of the Church, ..., 188...

(Signed,) ....., Church Clerk.

M. Blalock, S. Dean, and T. H. Street were appointed delegates to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to time and place agreed upon for the next annual meeting. Prayer by Elder Marsh.

Preaching at the stand to-day, 11 a. m., by C. T. Bailey, D. D.

J. J. LANSDELL, *Clerk.*

F. P. HOBGOOD, *Moderator.*

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch	John E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, "	2nd " " "
Bethel	"	"	Jno. F. Woody	Bethel Hill, "	1st " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner	Henderson, "	A. S. Carrington	Hampton, "	3rd " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley		S. Clark	Dutchville, "	2nd " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	Oxford, "	L. Hobgood	Oxford, "	" " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	"	W. H. Smith	Oxford, "	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. C. Hocut	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry	Beck, "	" " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley		M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds, "	" " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin		B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads "	" " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson, "	W. D. Horner	Henderson, "	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbath.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh		Lawson Knott	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley		H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " "
Mary's Chapel	E. F. Beacham	Franklinton, "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	1st " " "
Mill Creek	Jno. E. Montague		Jno. L. Gentry	Mill Creek, "	4th " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin		D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner		M. Blalock	Berea, "	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries		J. W. Knott	Center Grove, "	4th " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Roger's Store, "	Z. V. Peed	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " "
North Fork	G. N. Pittard		C. S. Hite	Red Bank, Va.	4th " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford, "	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, "	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	Jno. E. Montague		W. T. Humphries	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
*Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh		E. F. Parham		1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Providence	E. J. Montague	Gibbon, "	A. C. Long	Roxboro, "	" " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson		J. W. Fuller	Wilton, "	" " " "
Roxboro	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro, "	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro, "	2d Sab. and 4th Sab. night
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh		S. P. Washington	Tally Ho, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

*No Letter.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns	Foreign Missi'ns	Home Missi'ns	Sunday Schools	Church Ext'n'n	Orphan Asylum	Asso. Missi'ns	S. S. Coll'ct's	For the Poor.	Min't'rs Relief Assoa'n.	Charity.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$ 10 15	$ 8 50	13 24	-------	-------	20 00	-------	10 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	$ 61 89
Antioch	-------	10 00	10 55	-------	-------	-------	15 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	35 55
Bethel	-------	23 75	13 65	-------	-------	5 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	42 30
Bethany	-------	1 20	1 20	85	-------	-------	-------	1 80	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 25
Concord	10 00	10 00	15 00	5 75	-------	25 50	-------	11 99	14 00	14 00	-------	-------	106 15
Corinth	5 28	5 15	8 24	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	24 67
Enon	29 50	14 58	67 25	6 75	-------	-------	-------	20 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	138 58
Fellowship	3 33	13 20	2 00	5 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	23 53
F. R. Union	12 90	12 50	13 00	4 61	-------	5 15	-------	10 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	58 16
Grassy Creek	4 84	8 00	6 85	-------	-------	-------	-------	9 36	-------	-------	-------	11 05	40 10
Henderson	10 05	15 00	41 29	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	66 34
Hester's	3 85	12 30	12 85	10 00	-------	-------	15 55	37 35	-------	40 25	4 00	-------	136 15
Island Creek	21 25	22 25	20 37	7 75	4 15	-------	-------	6 55	-------	-------	-------	-------	82 32
Mary's Chapel	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 00
Mill Creek	-------	9 25	30 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	9 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	48 75
Mountain Creek	5 20	-------	10 00	-------	-------	-------	5 30	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	20 50
Mount Zion	25 00	40 00	200 00	20 00	-------	-------	-------	26 75	-------	-------	-------	-------	312 75
Mount Harmony	-------	2 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	2 00
New Light	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 40
North Fork	-------	-------	3 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	2 40	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 40
Oxford	63 70	21 75	60 77	15 38	-------	20 76	14 45	20 25	-------	-------	-------	-------	217 06
Olive Branch	-------	-------	13 00	6 54	-------	-------	-------	3 60	-------	-------	-------	-------	23 14
Olive Grove	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
Poplar Creek	7 00	30 00	38 13	6 53	12 00	-------	-------	17 50	-------	15 75	-------	-------	126 91
Providence	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	11 55	-------	-------	-------	-------	11 55
Pleasant Grove	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
Roxboro	5 00	2 50	2 50	-------	-------	-------	-------	8 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	18 00
Tally Ho	3 00	3 00	11 55	3 00	-------	-------	-------	12 45	-------	-------	4 15	-------	37 15
													$ 1,650 60

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salaries.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$2 00	-------	21	8	--	10	--	2	58	111	169	--
Antioch	-------	1 50	-------	6	2	--	--	1	--	14	33	47	--
Bethel	-------	2 85	-------	10	6	2	4	2	2	----	----	150	--
Bethany	-------	1 00	-------	5	13	--	--	--	--	15	18	33	--
Concord	150 00	1 50	-------	2	3	--	1	2	--	30	74	104	--
Corinth	-------	2 00	-------	---	2	--	3	--	3	50	89	139	--
Enon	250 00	1 50	$113 00	18	4	1	3	1	2	44	61	105	--
Fellowship	100 00	2 00	31 00	---	1	--	1	1	2	34	66	100	--
Flat R'r Union	150 00	1 50	-------	12	2	1	1	2	3	30	88	127	--
Grassy Creek	-------	2 06	28 60	51	8	4	10	1	2	140	204	344	33
Henderson	600 00	1 50	1854 77	7	7	--	--	--	--	25	31	56	--
Hester's	-------	2 25	-------	25	4	1	7	2	--	89	122	211	--
Island Creek	200 00	3 00	-------	28	4	2	5	3	2	105	104	209	--
Mary's Chapel	-------	50	-------	---	2	--	--	1	--	9	25	35	--
Mill Creek	100 00	2 00	6 75	9	7	1	2	2	1	51	96	147	--
Mount'n Creek	-------	2 00	-------	1	4	--	16	3	1	69	115	184	--
Mt. Zion	-------	1 84	-------	5	--	--	6	8	2	81	111	192	--
Mt. Harmony	-------	1 00	-------	4	--	--	9	1	--	10	27	37	--
New Light	100 00	2 00	-------	---	--	1	9	2	1	63	129	192	--
North Fork	-------	2 00	-------	4	--	--	8	2	1	53	104	157	--
Oxford	750 00	1 50	405 00	38	4	2	5	2	2	47	77	124	--
Olive Branch	100 00	1 75	7 00	18	3	--	--	1	3	60	118	178	--
*Olive Grove	-------	------	-------	---	--	--	--	--	--	7	13	20	--
Poplar Creek	175 00	1 50	-------	3	4	--	1	2	--	39	81	120	--
Providence	-------	1 00	-------	8	1	--	--	7	2	14	28	42	--
Pleasant Grove	-------	1 50	-------	1	--	--	--	--	--	16	26	42	--
Roxboro	100 00	50	10 00	---	1	--	2	--	--	8	7	15	--
Tally Ho	125 00	1 65	255 00	18	2	1	3	--	--	45	65	110	--
		$46 40										3389	

*From Minutes of 1883.

Total 3389

SABAATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Amount Raised.
*Amis' Chapel	A. H. Garner	Buchanan	1	4	40	...	$ ....
Antioch	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Bethel	.....	.....	2	9	60	...	....
Bethany	W. A. Malone	Moriah	1	..	30	...	....
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	4	54	...	....
Corinth	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Enon	B. F. Hester	Oxford	1	6	60	...	23.00
Fellowship	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
†F. R. Union	J. L. Peed	Knap of Reeds	1	6	48	...	6.50
Hester's	C. M. Gordon, No. 1	.....	3	5	62	...	....
"	G. W. Pillard, No. 2	.....	..	4	53	...	....
"	Robt. Hester, No. 3	Young's X Roads	..	2	12	..	....
‡Henderson	.....	.....	1	7	75	57	36.00
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Oxford	..	12	58	...	21.93
§Island Creek	R. L. Dunn	.....	4	20	150	...	....
.....	J. G. Morgan	.....	..	..	...	...	....
.....	W. H. Green	.....	..	..	..	...	....
.....	W. H. Wilson	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Mary's Chapel	J. Wheelous	.....	1	4	48	...	....
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	5	58	18	....
M't'n Creek	J. A. Watkins	.....	1	4	50	...	7.00
Mt. Zion	B. D. Howard	Berea	1	..	42	...	....
Mt. Harmony	J. W. Knott	.....	2	12	50	...	....
.....	D. E. Peed	.....	..	..	...	...	....
New Light	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
North Fork	K. C. Allen	.....	1	4	58	...	....
‖Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	..	150	150	94.00
Olive Branch	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	.....	1	5	50	...	26.13
Providence	.....	.....	1	..	...	...	....
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	....
¶Roxboro	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	1	5	30	75	8.50
Tally Ho	G. W. Duncan	Tally Ho	1	2	25	...	7.30

RELIGIOUS PAPERS TAKEN,

(*) Kind Words, 3; Lesson Leaflets, 12.
(†) Kind Words, 10.
(‡) Quarterlies, 35.
(§) Biblical Recorder, 5.
(‖) Quarterlies, 6 dozen Sen., 3 dozen Advanced, 2 dozen Intermediate and 4 dozen Primary.
(¶) Young Reaper, 10; Sun Light, 10; Senior Quarterly, 15; Intermediate Quarterly, 15; Biblical Recorder, 4; Religious Herald, 1; Christian Herald, 1; National Baptist, 1.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HESTER'S, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1885.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD.....Oxford, N C.
CLERK—B. F. HESTER.....Oxford,
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM.....Oxford,

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	IF PASTOR.	RESIDENCE.
Atkinson, J. W.	Rogers' Store, N. C.	Pastor.	Wake County.
Devin, R. I.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Horner, T. J.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Humphries, C. F.	Oxford, "	"	Granville County.
Hardaway, J. S.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Marsh, R. H.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Montague Jno. E.	Bethel Hill, "	"	Person County.
Montague, E. J.	Gibbon, "	"	Person County.
McDuffie, M. V.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Pittard, G. N.	Young's x Roads "	"	Granville County.
Stradley, J. A.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.

Proceedings.

Hester's Church, August 11th, 1885.

Elder M. V. McDuffie preached the introductory sermon of the 92nd session of the Flat River Association. Intermission.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, and after reading the Scripture, the letters from the churches were read and the delegates enrolled:

Antioch—Jno. Allen, Henry Nichols.
Amis' Chapel—H. Stovall, W. C. Rogers, A. D. Frazier.
Bethel—
Bethany—Jas. Copley, G. W. Brinkley, H. C. Sweeney.
Concord—S. A. Green, R. Currin, E. C. Coley.
Corinth—W. J. Dean, D. C. Averett, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—T. R. Averett, B. F. Hester.
Fellowship—Isaiah Dear, G. T. Peace, Henry Haley.
Flat River Union—E. H. Veazey, M. C. Washington, Ro. A. Critcher.
Grassy Creek—G. W. Royster, D. A. Pittard, J. R. Ragsdale.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, S. Dean, J. L. H. Missillier.
Hester's—R. H. Hobgood, M. C. Dean, Henry Hobgood.
Island Creek—R. A. Gill, R. L. Dunn, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—P. E. Allen, J. Z. Allen, Wyatt Perry.
Mill Creek—R. C. Pugh, B. F. Gentry, John P. Buchanan,
Mt. Harmony—Johnnie Peed, Rev. E. J. Montague.
Mountain Creek—D. W. Eakes, R. T. Blackwell, W. H. Blackwell.
Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Pinkney Meadows, J. T. Ragan.
New Light—L. B. Lassiter, Wm. Ray, L. A. Wilson.
North Fork—S. M. Wilborne, C. S. Height, B. W. Owen.
Olive Branch—F. Harris, J. J. Drumwright, Oscar Yancey.
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, T. D. Crawford, F. M. Meadows.
Poplar Creek—A. J. Wright, G. W. Wright, J. H. Parham.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, Drewry Gravitt, Jas. H. Duncan.
Pleasant Grove—W. H. Adcock, T. M. Tomerson, W. N. Fuller.
Roxboro—J. C. Masten, W. A. Woody, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—T. J. Smith, W. D. Bowden, J. H. Bowden.

On balloting, F. P. Hobgood was elected Moderator, B. F. Hester, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—Elder J. S. Hardaway, Jno. Allen, W. C. Rogers.
Education—Elder R. I. Devin, H. C. Sweeney, W. J. Dean.
Foreign Missions—Elder R. H. Marsh, T. R. Averett, G. T. Peace.
State Missions—Elder A. G. McManaway, D. H. Veazey, R. C. Pugh.
Associational Missions—J. J. Meadows, G. N. Pittard, H. T. Shanks.
Sunday Schools—Elder J. A. Stradley, J. Z. Allen, J. C. Masten.
Church Letters—M. V. McDuffie, J. S. Hardaway.
Home Missios—Elder J. P. Montague, J. H. Lassiter, R. H. Hobgood.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder J. S. Hardaway, J. J. Drumwright.
Time and Place of Next Meeting—G. W. Wright, Pink Meadows, L. B. Lassiter.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Hester's Church.

The report on Periodicals was discussed by Elder C. T. Bailey, who said the BIBLICAL RECORDER will be what it has been—departing in nothing from the true doctrine. It will not go into politics. Baptist supremacy is not desired, but Baptist equality will be asserted and maintained.

Elder J. S Hardaway: The paper advocates no new-fangled theology. After remarks by Bro. S. L. Howard, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no need of an extended report on this subject. It is generally agreed that our most useful members subscribe to some religious paper. And we do not see how a person can do intelligent work unless he keeps posted as to the doings of the denomination. While we may congratulate ourselves on the fact that so many of our brethren are regular readers of religious papers, we know that a large number in every church ought to subscribe who do not. Among the many excellent Baptist papers published, none can be to the Baptists of North Carolina what the BIBLICAL RECORDER is to them. It is their State paper; a paper that has fostered every Baptist interest in North Carolina, so that the interests of the Baptists seem inseparably linked with the RECORDER,

We, therefore, while commending all good Baptist publications, would most earnestly commend the RECORDER to the patronage of the brethren.

We would also warmly recommend to Sunday Schools "KIND WORDS," published at Macon, Georgia, as a valuable aid in Sunday School work. J. S. HARDAWAY.

The Committee on Associational Missions offered the following report:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, the undersigned, appointed by your body as an association committee, make the following report:

We employed Rev. T. J. Horner to preach monthly at Bethany and at the new church near Townsville, at a salary of one hundred dollars per year. Our missionary served 5 months at Townsville, for which your committee has paid him - - - - $ 41 66
Salary paid for services at Bethany, - - - 75 04

Total paid our missionary, - - - $116 70

You committee agreed to pay one hundred dollars to help support a pastor at Roxboro, to be paid quarterly. The Roxboro church has procured a pastor, commencing 1st day of July, 1885.

Funds received, - - - - - - $ 199 40
Paid T. J. Horner, - - - - $116 70
Paid Roxboro Church, - - - 8 33
125 03

Balance on hand, - - - - $ 74 57

J. J. MEADOWS,
Chairman of Association Com.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

In Missionary work I have travelled nearly 900 miles. I have labored 12 months at Bethany. At the close of a meeting recently held there in which brother R. H. Marsh gave invaluable assistance. I baptized 11 persons—9 males and 2 females, into the fellowship of the church. I think the fellowship of the church has been nearly doubled since our last Association. The station below Townsville is a hard but hopeful field. I appointed a protracted meeting on the 4th Sunday in March last to begin on the 4th Sunday in July. The meeting has been held. We had the assistance of brethren Ellington, Jones, Pruitt, McDuffie and Marsh. It was a good meeting. Seeds were sown which I hope will spring up and bear much fruit to the honor and glory of God. As a result of our labors some 14 or 15 professions were made, and on last Sunday week I baptized 6 persons into the fellowship of Island Creek Church, and others are waiting for baptism, &c.

Hardside influence moderation.

T. J. HORNER

The report was discussed by Bro. J. J. Meadows, Elders T. J. Horner, R. H. Marsh, M. V. McDuffie, C. T. Bailey, Bro. F. P. Hobgood and Elder J. S. Hardaway.

Pending further discussion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 12th, 1885.

After devotional exercises an invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elders C. T. Bailey, of the *Biblical Recorder;* C. Durham, of Mt. Zion Association; D. W. Herring, accepted missionary to China; A. G. McManaway, representing Home Mission Board, and W. L. Wright.

On motion, Elders C. Durham, T. J. Horner and Bro. F. M. Meadows were appointed a Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, and that this subject be special order for 3 o'clock this p. m.

The discussion of the report on Associational Missions was resumed, and remarks were made by Elders C. T. Bailey, M. V. McDuffie, R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner, J. S. Hardaway and C. Durham, when, on motion, it was made a special order for 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee submit the following report on Sabbath Schools:

We are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that the Sabbath School work is one of the most important Christian enterprises that now engages the attention of God's people. It opens up a field of labor in which every christian can find work to do. It is the best of all known means to increase Bible knowledge. It does more than any other work to prepare people for the reception of the gospel. It is a powerful means of developing christian gifts and graces. It is a sad fact that not more than one-fourth of the memberehip of our churches is engaged in this good work. We believe that less public scolding and more private persuading would increase the number of Sabbath School workers. A church that does not keep up a Sabbath School is worth but little to the cause of Christ, and will sooner or later die out.

We rejoice that so many of the churches of this Association are engaged in this good work. Let us put forth earnest efforts to increase the number and efficiency of Sabbath School workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A STRADLEY,
J. Z. ALLEN,
J. C. MASTEN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. C. Parham, Elders J. A. Stradley and R. T. Vann, and adopted.

The Committee on Education offered the following report, which, after an interesting talk by Elder R. T. Vann and a hat collection of $5.43, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As Christians and Baptists we should take a deep interest in the subject of general education.

The prosperity of our country and the elevation of our race, depend in no small measure upon the diffusion of christian knowledge among our people. The duty is imperative upon parents to educate their children as thoroughly as their opportunities and means will allow. We must educate.

It gives us pleasure to state that Wake Forest College stands upon a solid basis, and has entered upon a career of greater prosperity and usefulness. The Baptists of North Carolina should look to this college with peculiar pleasure, as a safe place to educate their sons without endangering their morals. The Faculty is composed of men able and faithful, whose high attainments in literature and science are known and acknowledged.

Your committee would call attention to the Female Seminary at Oxford, under the control of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, and the Horner Male School at Henderson, under the direction of Rev. T. J. Horner & Son, as excellent and prosperous schools, and in every respect worthy of Baptist patronage.

Your committee wish to call special attention to ministerial education, and the necessities of the Board of Education. During the last session at Wake Forest College, there were 34 young men preparing for the ministry who were supported wholly or in part by this board. The demands upon the board are constantly increasing, and consequently increased contributions are called for from the churches.

All should aid in this good cause, so that every worthy brother who is preparing for the gospel ministry may receive as thorough training as possible for his great work. Help the Education Board.

R. I. DEVIN,
H. C. SWEENEY,
W. J. DEAN,
Committee.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report on the Baptist Orphanage was introduced, and after the necessity for such an institution had been shown, and its plans and purposes explained by Elders C. Durham and R. I. Devin, a cash collection was taken up, and the Association resolved to raise additional funds sufficient to build one house. The report was then adopted, as follows:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE ASSOCIATION.

This Association, chartered by the last session of our Legislature with all the powers and privileges asked for or desired, held on Wednesday, August 5th, 1885, its first annual session on its own grounds, at Thomasville. The meeting was most encouraging and perfectly harmonious, and all departments of the work were found to be in a most hopeful condition.

Arrangements are now made for four buildings which will accommodate 100 children, and it is hoped that these will all be completed before the winter.

What part will this association take in this work? Are there not men in the churches here represented, if looked up and talked to wisely about this important work, that will pay for, at least one building, and thus perpetuate their memory through the ages? Will not this Association pay for a building?

Respectfully,

C. DURHAM, Chm'n.
T. J. HORNER,
F. M. MEADOWS.

After prayer, adjourned till 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 13th, 1885.

After devotional exercises, the minutes were read and corrected, and the roll of delegates revised.

After remarks by Elders McManaway, Stradley, Devin, Marsh and Bro. A. C. Parham, the Association adopted the following report on State Missions, agreeing to raise $300 for that object:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions congratulate the Association on two things: (1). That Bro. John E. Ray has been induced to give his whole time to the State Missions and Sunday School Boards, and (2). That the board has increased its work until 68 missionaries are under its employ. Your committee will not undertake to sum up the results and blessings that have attended the work of the missionaries of this board, for eternity alone will reveal these things. But we do undertake to recommend that the churches of the Association shall show their appreciation for the work of this board by increasing their contributions and multiplying their prayers in its behalf.

A. G. MCMANAWAY,
For Committee.

Elder D. W. Herring made a telling speech on the report on Foreign Missions, and after a cash collection of $54 was taken up, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Paul says, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise," Rom. 1: 14. This bit of personal experience has been given us by inspiration, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

In our indebtedness to the world two accounts may be specially mentioned: (1). The duty of prayer. "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. * * * For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth," 1 Tim. 2: 1-4. We must pray for the heathen—what ought and do we ask God in their behalf? Surely, that they may be *saved;* in God's way, by the Spirit through the Word. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth," James 1: 18. Can prayer for the nations be answered without corresponding effort, without the Word, any more than "Give us this day our daily bread," without personal effort? Prayer leads to the second account: (2). Honest, faithful, christian effort in giving the gospel to the world. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The field is large and the laborers are few. *One billion* of perishing souls with about fifty missionaries—948,135 stay at home; 49 go. The contributions to our board, last year, were $81,289.59, about *eight cents* a head. In building a church in Africa, brother David says, "One of our members gave four months' salary to the church fund, another a fifth of a year's salary, two others a tenth each."

This year $100,000 are necessary, in view of increased force and necessary building. Of this amount North Carolina is asked for $8,000, and the Flat River Association $750—$150 more than the Association gave last year. This year we have contributed $655.59. Among the four ministers recently appointed as missionaries, two are from North Carolina, Elders R. T. Bryan and D. W. Herring. They go this fall to China.

STATISTICS.—In *China*, with its 400,000,000, heathen, we have 25 foreign missionaries. 28 native assistants, 645 church members.

In *Italy*, with 26,789,000 Roman Catholics, we have one minister, his wife, and 10 native preachers, with 250 members.

In *Africa*, with 191,000,000 heathen and Mohammedans, we have 5 ministers and 8 native assistants, with 125 members.

In *Brazil*, with 11,780,000 Roman Catholics, we have 2 ministers, their wives, 4 native assistants, and 113 members.

In *Mexico*, with 9,000,000 Roman Catholics, we have 3 ministers, their wives, 4 unmarried ladies, 5 native preachers, and 190 members.

TOTAL.—Missionaries, 50; native assistants, 57; missions and stations, 30; baptized (1884) 203; church members, 1,323.

How can we help the work if we cannot go?

The Corresponding Secretary says:

1. Give regularly, liberally, and cheerfully to Foreign Missions. Phil. iv: 15, 16; 2 Cor. xi: 8, 9; 2 Cor. ix: 6, 7.

2. Pray daily that the gospel may be preached and accepted among all the nations. Pray also for the lives and comfort of missionaries, their access to the people, and their spiritual power. 2 Thess. iii: 1, 2.

3. Advocate the work. Having learned from God's Word, the condition of the heathen and the duty of Christians to them, urge these things, in the Spirit of Jesus, upon Christians wherever you can, and especially upon your own church. 2 Pet. i: 13.

4. Get and circulate tracts, papers, and books which encourage Christian Missions; and conscientiously distribute such literature

when sent to you. Mark iv: 4; Psalms xliii: 3. Christians are "children of the light." When they know the truth about the conditions and numbers of the heathen, the work done, and the work needful to be done, *they will help.*

5. Encourage in your church the adoption and faithful working of some system which will promote regular, liberal and cheerful giving to this work. 1 Cor. xvi: 2.

6. Take a good religious newspaper, read the religious news, and, whenever there is an appeal for the cause of Jesus, *help.*

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. PEACE,
T. R. AVERETT,
R. H. MARSH.

The hour for the special order arriving, the report on Associational Missions was again taken up and further discussed by Bro. J. J. Meadows and Elders McDuffie and Marsh.

On motion, this work was entrusted to a committee consisting of brethren J. J. Meadows, Lawson Knott and H. T. Shanks, with the promise that the Association would try to raise $800 to carry on the work.

Elder J. S. Hardaway made an interesting talk on the report on Home Missions, after which it was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., is composed of brethren entitled to our confidence in their work of sending the gospel to the destitute throughout the Southern States and territories. Bro. E. Dodson spent his last days working for this board in our State.

Bro. Blake, who left Weldon to supply the field made vacant by the death of Bro. B. F. Buckner, is now laboring very successfully in the Indian territory. There are 185 missionaries laboring in 8 different States and Territories.

Between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars have been raised at these mission stations to build houses of worship the past year. The board has paid out of its treasury for the same purpose more than $4,000.

It is now engaged in building a house of worship in New Orleans, which it hopes to complete by October next.

We commend the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to the patronage of the brethren of our Association.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
R. H. HOBGOOD.

The Committee on Church Letters offered a report, which, after some discussion, was, on motion, amended and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

By the examination of church letters we find that there has been a slight gain in the churches in numbers and contributions, as will be seen by the following statistics : added by baptism 109—lost by deaths and exclusions 86—leaving a gain of 23.

To Foreign, Home, State and Associational Missions and Education the contributions amount to $1,606.83, against $1,353.73 of last year; which shows an increase of $253.10. In addition to which we have spent $500 on church built at Townesville.

Two of our churches contribute nothing to Foreign Missions; 12 nothing to Ministerial Education; 9 nothing to Associational Missions; 8 nothing to State Missions: 12 nothing to Home Missions.

The full amount asked of our Association by Foreign and State Mission Boards has been raised and mostly forwarded.

The following is the average per member of the contributions to all objects, including church expenses and pastors' salary : Amis' Chapel, $1.31; Enon, $5.88; Henderson, $23.75; Bethel, $2.95; Hester's, $3.33; Island Creek, $2.43; Mill Creek, $1.86; Mountain Creek, $1.02; Mount Zion, $4.27; Oxford, $12.37; North Fork, $1.24; Olive Branch, 69 cents; Poplar Creek, $6.30; Roxboro, $8.42.

The following is the average per member contributed to all objects, excluding everything except pure benevolence: Antioch, 5 cents; Bethel 48 cents; Concord 95 cents; Corinth 36 cents; Grassy Creek, 10 cents; Mary's Chapel, 9 cents; Mount Harmony, 12 cents; New Light, 2 cents; Providence, 15 cents; Pleasant Grove, 7 cents; Tally Ho, 27 cents; Amis' Chapel, $1.29; Enon, $2.48; Henderson, $2.43; Hester's, 78 cents; Island Creek, $1.40; Mill Creek, $1.92; Mountain Creek, 3 cents; Mount Zion, $2.65; Bethany, 4 cents; Oxford, $2.67; North Fork, 14 cents; Olive Branch, 13 cents; Poplar Creek, $1.43; Roxboro, $2.06.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. McDUFFIE.
J. S. HARDAWAY.

The Association, after remarks by Elders Stradley, Marsh, Devin, McDuffie and Hardaway and Bro. B. D. Howard, adopted the following report on Systematic Beneficence:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Spasmodic giving is not a means of grace; we grow in the grace of giving by acquiring the habit of giving. Giving systematically is the Bible rule, and, therefore, the best. Men give more and feel it less, who give regularly, as God prospers them.

If the members of our churches would realize that they are God's stewards, and that it is their duty to use their means in God's service, we should never lack for funds to carry on our benevolent enterprises. Let us all strive to teach by word and deed that to give systematically is every Christian's duty.

We recommend to the churches of the Association to take up annually a collection for each of our boards. Making in all four collections.

J. S. HARDAWAY.

The committee offered a report on Time and Place of next meeting, which the Association adopted:

TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee on time and place beg leave to submit the following: Time, Tuesday after second Saturday in August. Place, Bethel, Person county. To preach the intoductory sermon, R. H. Marsh.

G. W. WRIGHT,
PINKNEY MEADOWS.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted.

Brethren T. H. Street, B. D. Howard and F. P. Hobgood were appointed to represent the Association in the next Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk.*

The following form of Church Letter was adopted and the churches requested to use the same:

CHURCH LETTER.

To Flat River Association:

Name of Church..... .....Delegate.....
Name and Post Office of Clerk.....
Name and Post Office of Pastor .....
Time of Meeting.. ....

STATISTICS.

Baptized ..... Received by Letter ..... Restored.....
Dismissed by Letter..... Died..... Excommunicated.....
Number of Males.....Number of Females.....Total Membership.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ministerial Education, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....
Home Missions, ... " $..... " $.....
State Missions,..... " $..... " $.....
Foreign Missions,..... " $..... " $.....
Associational Missions, " $..... " $.....
Am't of all other benevolent contributions, expended, $..... " $.....
Contributions of Sunday Schools, $..... Total, $.....

REMARKS.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools.....
Name and Post Office of Superintendents ....
Number of Teachers..... Average attendance of Pupils.....
Contributions, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....

REMARKS.

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By order of the Church, ..., 188...
(Signed) ....., Church Clerk.

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS,	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C,	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, "	2nd " " "
Bethel	" "	" "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	1st " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner	Henderson, "	R. C. Jones	Berea, "	3rd " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	S. Clark	Dutchville, "	2nd " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	" "	L. Hobgood	Oxford, "	2nd " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	" "	W. H. Smith	" "	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. C. Hocut	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry	Beck, "	4th " " "
F. R. Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds, "	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	" "	B. T. Winston	Youngs X Roads, "	4th " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson, "	J. L. H. Missillier	Henderson, "	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	L. Knott	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	" "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " "
Mary's Chapel	N. P. Stallings	Falls, "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	1st " " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek, "	4th " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford, "	D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson, "	M. Blalock	Berea, "	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford, "	J. T. Denny	Centre Grove, "	4th " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store, "	W. D. Peed	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " "
North Fork	G. N. Pittard	Young's X Roads, "	C. S. Hite	Red Bank, Va.	4th " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford, "	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sabbath,
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	E. T. Parham	Oxford, "	1st " " "
Providence	E. J. Montague	Gibbon, "	A. C. Long	Roxboro, "	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Roger's Store, "	J. W. Fuller	Wilton, "	1st " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro, "	A. Foushee	Roxboro, "	3rd Sabbath.
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	S. P. Washington.	Tally Ho "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	Home Missi'ns.	Asso. Missi'ns.	Sunday Schools	Church Ext'n'n.	Bap. Orphan'ge	Orphan Asylum,	For the Poor,	Total,
Amis' Chapel	$ 10 35	$ 15 40	$ 18 00	-------	$ 11 20	-------	$ ------	$ ------	$ ------	$ 10 00	$ 64 95
Antioch	-------	6 80	6 55	-------	-------	$ 2 29	17 50	-------	-------	-------	33 14
Bethany	-------	85	50	45	3 90	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 70
Bethel	-------	18 00	19 10	7 10	-------	-------	-------	25 25	-------	-------	69 45
Concord	10 50	12 35	25 00	7 40	10 05	-------	-------	-------	-------	6 75	72 05
Corinth	4 00	5 18	6 74	4 21	7 71	-------	25 00	-------	-------	-------	52 84
Enon	18 50	10 40	51 50	12 25	17 50	-------	60 00	-------	-------	-------	170 15
Fellowship	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	35 00	-------	-------	-------	35 00
F. R. Union	10 35	12 20	13 29	8 45	12 31	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	56 60
Grassy Creek	-------	5 00	8 80	-------	8 87	-------	-------	-------	7 25	-------	28 92
Henderson	90 00	25 00	23 40	-------	2 00	-------	-------	75 50	-------	-------	215 90
Hester's	10 00	6 55	17 43	8 75	27 26	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	68 99
Island Creek	20 42	23 30	30 75	8 25	15 12	-------	150 00	5 00	-------	10 00	263 34
Mary's Chapel	2 00	-------	1 00	-------	1 27	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	4 27
Mill Creek	-------	16 00	16 00	-------	-------	-------	20 00	40 00	-------	-------	92 00
Mountain Creek	3 70	6 00	6 80	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	16 50
Mt. Zion	35 15	54 75	168 75	10 25	41 80	-------	33 00	90 00	-------	-------	423 70
Mt. Harmony	-------	-------	4 60	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	4 60
New Light	-------	83	85	83	83	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 34
North Fork	-------	4 25	1 50	4 25	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	10 00
Oxford	50 71	12 53	104 05	22 13	9 59	-------	121 70	37 00	22 60	16 26	406 57
Olive Branch	-------	-------	6 88	6 87	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	13 75
Olive Grove	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
Poplar Creek	7 50	55 09	44 49	17 30	16 00	-------	32 25	-------	-------	6 25	179 38
Providence	-------	-------	63	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	63
Pleasant Grove	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	4 25	-------	-------	-------	4 25
Roxboro	5 00	5 00	11 00	4 00	10 00	-------	22 42	10 00	-------	-------	67 42
Tally Ho	5 05	7 10	10 18	4 00	10 21	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	36 54
	23			120.49	28.62	2.29	521.12	282.75	29.85	47.26	$ 2,399 98

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$ 2 00	$ -----	----	2	--	3	2	2	56	113	169	---
Antioch.,	-------	1 25	-------	----	2	1	--	--	1	16	33	49	---
Bethel	100 00	2 00	257 30	23	--	1	4	1	2	53	92	145	---
Bethany	-------	90	-------	11	1	--	1	2	--	22	20	42	---
Concord	-------	1 50	-------	----	--	--	--	--	4	29	71	100	---
Corinth	-------	2 00	-------	8	--	--	4	1	--	49	93	142	---
Enon	250 00	1 58	25 00	----	2	--	5	--	2	41	55	96	---
Fellowship	-------	2 00	-------	4	--	--	4	10	--	29	60	89	---
F. R. Union	-------	------	-------	2	--	1	1	--	1	27	89	126	---
Grassy Creek	-------	2 00	-------	----	--	1	9	8	3	102	194	295	31
Henderson	600 00	1 50	1136 46	3	5	--	4	--	--	40	47	87	---
Hester's	-------	2 50	363 25	----	2	--	1	5	1	84	122	206	---
Island Creek	-------	3 00	-------	8	--	--	3	3	3	105	105	210	---
Mary's Chapel	-------	60	-------	----	--	--	--	2	1	10	32	42	---
Mill Creek	100 00	2 00	-------	----	--	--	9	--	--	47	93	140	---
Mount'n Creek	-------	2 00	-------	33	4	--	2	1	1	87	126	213	---
Mt. Zion	-------	1 75	-------	1	4	--	1	1	5	79	114	193	---
Mt. Harmony	-------	1 00	-------	----	--	--	4	--	--	9	24	33	---
New Light	-------	2 00	-------	9	--	--	8	3	2	61	126	165	---
North Fork	100 00	1 50	60 00	4	3	--	6	6	4	44	102	146	---
Oxford	900 00	1 50	155 00	1	13	--	3	3	1	56	75	131	---
Olive Branch	100 00	1 75	7 50	----	--	--	--	--	1	60	117	177	---
Olive Grove	-------	------	-------	----	--	--	--	--	--	---	---	---	---
Poplar Creek	175 00	1 50	-------	11	2	--	3	3	2	44	95	139	---
Providence	-------	1 00	-------	----	--	--	--	--	--	15	30	45	---
Pleasant Grove	-------	------	-------	12	1	--	--	--	--	24	31	55	---
Roxboro	200 00	1 00	-------	----	--	--	4	--	--	9	7	16	---
Tally Ho	-------	2 00	-------	9	4	--	1	3	--	48	74	122	---
		$39 83										3,373	---

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SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS,	POST OFFICE.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Vol. in Library.	Am'nt Contributed.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	---	$ 5 20
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	--	45	---	7 50
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	2	---	---	------
Enon	T. R. Averett	Oxford	1	5	48	112	38 38
F. River Union	M. W. B. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	4	35	---	3 50
Grassy Creek	C. M. Gordon	----------	2	6	62	---	------
"	Jos. Noblin	----------	--	5	68	---	------
Henderson	----------	----------	1	---	---	---	------
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Oxford	1	6	40	---	36 00
Island Creek	R. L. Dunn W. H. Wilson J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro	4	24	150	---	30 00
Mary's Chapel	Z. Wheelom	Grissom	1	5	30	---	------
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	3	32	---	27 00
Mountain Crrek	J. S. Eakes	Oak Hill	1	5	40	---	------
Mount Zion	B. D. Howard	Berea	1	5	40	---	24 14
North Fork	B. W. Owen	----------	1	5	70	---	------
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	140	---	57 65
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	7	---	---	31 00
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	4	30	---	------
Tally Ho	S. P. Washington	Tally Ho	1	4	20	---	------

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH, PERSON CO., N. C.,

August 10th, 11th and 12th, 1886.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD.....Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—B. F. HESTER.....Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM.....Oxford, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL MEETING HOUSE,
PERSON CO., August 10th, 1886.

The introductory sermon of the 93d session of the Flat River Association was preached by Elder R. H. Marsh, D. D., from II Timothy, 2d chapter, 2d verse, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Subject: Ministerial Ability.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. H. Lamberth, the roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Antioch—John W. Denny, John Ashley, H. H. Nichols.
Amis' Chapel—C. S. Chandler, R. W. Downey, *S. L. Puryear.
Bethel—Ruffin Woody, G. D. Neal, Samuel Trickey.
Bethany—J. C. Copley, *A. S. Carrington, Sim. Bumpass.
Concord—T. J. Smith, E. C. Coley, *N. Goss.
Corinth—J. W. Pittard, N. A. Clay, W. H. Parrott.
Enon—Jos. F. Currin, B. F. Hester, J. S. Hobgood.
Fellowship—
Flat River Union—M. W. B. Veazey, J. L. Peed, *Barnum Tilley.
Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, G. W. Pittard, W. A. Wilkinson.
Henderson—
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, Lawson Knott, R. W. Hobgood.
Island Creek—J. A. T. Shotwell, D. L. Woody, J. C. Morgan.
Mary's Creek—*Zadock Whelons, *C. E. Allen, * J. W. Whelons.
Mill Creek—T. W. Buchanan, S. A. Clayton, T. H. Street.
Mt. Harmony—*J. W. Peed, D. W. Knott, *I. T. Denny.
Mountain Creek—W. W. Hart, *B. F. Frazier, W. J. Downey.
Mt. Zion—I. N. Day, W. P. Howard, J. G. Blalock.
New Light—*W. D. Ray, *W. T. Roachelle, *L. B. Mangum.
Olive Branch—W. W. Hill, J. R. Hays, J. G. Jones.
Olive Grove—*J. F. Bailey, Wm. Shearin, A. B. Smith.
Oxford—H. J. Hester, F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Meadows.
Poplar Creek—*G. W. Wright, P. C. Parham, A. C. Parham.
Pleasant Grove—*W. B. Jeffreys, *S. J. Rogers, *W. N. Fuller.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, *Drewry Gravitt, Thos. G. Smithey.
Roxboro—F. L. Woody, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—W. B. Cash, R. S. Jones.

*See Note.

By ballot, Bro. F. P. Hobgood was re-elected Moderator, B. F. Hester Clerk, and A. C. Parham Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us: Elders Wm. Royall, D. D., of Wake Forest College; C. S. Farriss, of the BIBLICAL RECORDER; W. R. Gwaltney, of Greensboro; C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford Female Seminary; Wm. Slats, of Dan River Association in Virginia; Bro. J. H. Mills, of Baptist Orphanage, and Bro. J. E. Ray, the Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, accepted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—Elder C. A. Jenkins, P. C. Parham, T. J. Smith.
State Missions—Elder J. H. Lamberth, B. T. Winston, R. S. Jones.
Foreign Missions—Elder T. J. Horner, R. W. Downey, J. C. Copley.
Home Missions—Elder G. N. Pittard, E. C. Coley, J. S. Hobgood.
Education—Elder Wm. Royal, D. D.; M. W. Veazey, W. W. Hill.
Church Letters—Elder J. S. Hardaway, A. R. Foushee.
Place and Preaching for Next Session of Association—T. H. Street, Lawson Knott, J. T. C. Norwood.
Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church.

On motion, a committee was raised on the Baptist Orphanage, Elder R. H. Marsh, D. D., J. G. Morgan, I. N. Day.

On an invitation to churches wishing to join this Association, letters were read from Rock Spring, Sassafras Fork and State Line, all recently organized, asking membership.

On motion, the applications are referred to a committee composed of Elders R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and J. E. Montague.

The following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the organ of our Convention. It is a paper that should be in the home of every Baptist in the Association. We earnestly urge those of our brethren who do not take it to subscribe at once.

For Sunday School literature, we recommend the Sunday School Supply Store of the State Convention, under the care of John E. Ray, Raleigh.

C. A. JENKINS,
A. C. PARHAM,
THOS. J. SMITH.

was offered, and on motion, laid on the table till to-morrow morning, on account of the rain which drove the large congregation into the house.

On motion, adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Elder Horner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Aug. 11, 1886.

The committee to whom was referred the letters of the churches applying for membership, reported, recommending their reception.

The report was adopted, the churches received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended the delegates by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The special order, being the report on Periodicals, was taken up and discussed by Elders C. A. Jenkins, C. S. Farriss, brethren R. W. Hobgood, John J. Meadows, Elders G. N. Pittard, J. S. Hardaway and R. H. Marsh. They all declare that though the RECORDER may not be better, or even so good a paper as some other Baptist papers, yet it is a most excellent paper, and indispensable to North Carolina Baptists.

The report was then adopted with considerable enthusiasm.

The committee offered the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are now sixty-five missionaries preaching the gospel in our State. The State Board is paying ten more men than in any previous year in its history. The results of their labors have been wonderful. Hundreds of souls have been saved, and willing subjects have followed Jesus in baptism. Quite a large number of new churches and Sunday schools have been organized, and several meeting houses erected and many more are being built. New fields are opening up every month, and, along with God's blessings attending this work, new calls are made upon the Board almost every week. The principal need of the Board is funds to meet the wants of our self-sacrificing missionaries, who are suffering for the necessaries of life. This Association has done its part nobly in sending the relief which was so much needed.

We do earnestly hope, while the brethren of this Association shall lend a helping hand to every department of Christian work, that they will give State missions a large place in their hearts, prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBERTH,
B. T. WINSTON,
R. S. JONES.

Which was adopted after interesting talks by Bro. J. E. Ray, who said he did not come to ask the Association for a collection now, after the churches had done so well when he visited them last spring, and A. C. Parham.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit for consideration the Report offered by the General Manager at the last meeting of the Orphan Association, held at Thomasville, July 28th, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT ON ORPHANAGE, FOR 1886.

As soon as practical after the last annual meeting the John Mitchell building was finished, furnished and occupied. Then the Mary J. Watson building, being sorely needed, was pushed to completion. These houses gave us one dwelling and one eating-house, so that we were able to winter the children then present with tolerable comfort. The John Watson building was begun in the fall, but work was discontinued for the winter. Towards spring we were so uncomfortably crowded that work was resumed on the building, and when finished gave us room to put each sex in its own school-room.

The unusual rains of the spring and summer delayed our brickwork so that we have made but little progress, except on the W. W. Mitchell building, which is nearly finished and now occupied. So the girls, after eating six months with the boys, have now their own cook-room and dining-room, and we are ready for vigorous work on the other buildings. The Durham buildings will occupy conspicuous positions and will attract much attention. They will be best suited to the wants of small boys.

The Watson buildings are near the springs, the stables and farm, so that the larger boys will find themselves convenient to their work.

The Mitchell buildings are nearest the town and very near two excellent springs, and are in every way adapted to the wants of the small girls. The Biggs buildings will be found on trial to have the best location for the larger girls, being less exposed to intruders and more convenient to the springs and the dairy, and very near every kind of work which will engage their attention. The location chosen for the chapel is on the Biggs avenue, on the side next to the town. The buildings need not now be described, as they are sufficiently advanced to explain themselves to all thoughtful persons. Two tracts of land and one small lot have been paid for and the deeds are properly recorded. On the last tract we have paid $500 and are paying interest on the $1,500 still due, in order to use the land for crops. We do not propose to erect any buildings on this tract. Our rye and wheat were sowed late, and on account of the severity of the winter and the rains of the spring will fail to realize our expectations; but these crops were sowed mainly to secure a stand of clover, and our clover is a decided success. Our hay crop will be good, and most of the vegetable crops are excellent, and have abundantly supplied the wants of the children.

Thirty-seven orphans have been received. Of these two were returned because they had property which ought to be used for their benefit. Different people have different views of the plans and purposes of our work, and so it happens that children recommended by some would be rejected by others, while both parties are equally honest. Time and proper information will gradually correct this annoyance. But it ought to be known that this is not an orphan's home for the care of the helpless. Such a house we may open some day when the means shall be offered. Neither is our institution an orphan asylum for the protection of oppressed orphans. At the close of the Confederate war, a house of refuge was needed to rescue unprotected orphans from those who desired to put them in the place of liberated slaves. Such a house is still a blessing, because it helps to keep oppressors of the helpless before the bar of public opinion and to secure their condemnation. But our institution claims to be nothing more at present than a collection of training schools for poor and promising orphans, and, indeed, it really seems impossible that any children can ever need training more than most of these who have already come to us. On this account we have required them to perform many kinds of manual labor, have kept them in school as much as we could, and have tried to show them how to understand the Bible and other good books. In addition to the usual song books and catechisms, we have substituted standard works on morals and manners for the readers filled with stories of cats and dogs.

Our aim has been to teach a clear and distinct code of morality, as well as a definite system of religion. All children need a definite religion, and all Christian teachers should be anxious to impart instructions therein. We send

missionaries all over the world to teach a definite religion to the heathen abroad, and we ought not to do less for the heathen at home. That all may come together for moral and religious instruction the chapel is greatly needed, and should be finished with the least possible delay. Our friends often inquire why we do not raise money by orphan entertainments. In doing so children are usually flattered and petted till they can not be satisfied with such treatment as they will usually receive. Besides, they often learn that there are ways of getting money without honest labor—a very dangerous and unfortunate lesson for children to learn. Again, "Charity seeketh not her own" profit. Charitable people will be rewarded hereafter, and they ought not to expect pay in this world for their contributions to charity.

For the future the work shapes itself before us: (1) To finish paying for the last tract of land and to put the farm in the best working and producing order. (2) To finish the Mt. Zion buildings, the Biggs buildings, the chapel and the dairy. (3) To pause then with ninety-six children till the institution shall be thoroughly furnished and equipped so as to give the children thorough training in English branches, and in such useful arts as they are most likely to practice hereafter.

The Visiting Committee has decided to close accounts at each annual meeting, instead of the meetings of the Convention. The present reports, therefore, cover a little more than eight months.

Receipts, $5,485.15 ; disbursements, $5,185.15 ; on hand, $300.00.

The children have enjoyed excellent health, and the services of a physician have not been required. For these, and other unnumbered mercies, we should be grateful to Him who took special pains to instruct and pray for little children. The same kind Saviour saw a multitude lying at the pool and healed the man who was least able to help himself. His servants follow in his footsteps when they help those who can not help themselves.

J. H. MILLS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the churches composing the Flat River Association be requested and urged to raise, during the month of September next, the balance of the amount pledged for the Flat River building, or chapel, at the Orphanage.

2. *Resolved*, That we will co-operate with the Baptist Orphan Association of North Carolina, by taking up an annual collection among the churches for the support of the Orphanage at Thomasville, and by entertaining a report on the Orphanage at every regular meeting of the Flat River Association.

3. *Resolved*, That every church in the Association be requested to take up an annual collection for the Orphanage at Thomasville, and to report the same in their respective letters to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH,
I. N. DAY,
JOHN T. MORGAN,
Committee.

Was offered, and on motion, the Association adjourned for refreshment, to meet at the stand at 1½ o'clock to discuss the report.

AFTERNOON.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage having been read again, Bro. J. H. Mills gave us a unique talk on Christian

charity, and after further remarks by Elders R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner and Bro. J. J. Meadows, the report was adopted.

On motion, the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Since ignorance is recognized by the Bible as a deadly foe to religion, it becomes every Christian to labor for the promotion of the cause of education; and one of the best signs of the times is that this truth is becoming generally admitted. Not only are advanced thinkers alone working to this end, as was formerly the case, but the vast majority of our people are becoming interested in this department of Christian labor. As an association of Baptists we are not behind our brethren on this point. We contribute of our means to the building and endowment of colleges for the education of our sons and daughters, and aid in the training of our indigent young ministers for the work in which they are to engage. Indeed, all our churches are committed to these enterprises as fully as they are to missions, or other work for Christ. The only opposition encountered now by the advocates of the cause, results from a fast-disappearing prejudice, or from a misunderstanding of methods employed—the principle underlying being hardly questioned.

But we are beginning to insist more than formerly that the religious element must find a place in schemes of education, and that in all our systems of instruction Christ and His doctrine be recognized. There is a growing intolerance of all systems of education, and all institutions of learning, which ignore or make no provision for the cultivation of the heart and the information of the rising generation in Scripture truth.

Much of the prosperity of the Association is due to Wake Forest College and the Oxford Female School, under Bro. J. H. Mills formerly, and now under the management of Prof. F. B. Hobgood. And these institutions we commend to the fostering care and the patronage of the Association.

We conclude by urging upon the brethren the importance of establishing and sustaining in their midst primary schools, which shall embrace longer periods of instruction than the public schools, with the limited amount of money at the disposal of the State, can furnish.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ROYALL,
W. W. HILL,
M. W. B. VEAZEY.

Was adopted, after some entertaining and instructive addresses by Elders Wm. Royall, D. D., C. A. Jenkins and Jno. S. Hardaway.

On motion, the report on Associational Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Benediction by Elder Jno. S. Hardaway.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 12, 1886.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder R. H. Marsh, the minutes were read, called and revised the list of delegates.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Executive Board of Associational Missions offered their report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We have employed Elder J. A. Stradley to preach monthly at Sassafras Fork at a salary of $175 for fourteen months. Under his ministration a church has been organized at this station which has called him as pastor. This church will need assistance next year.

We have also employed Elder T. J. Horner to preach at Rock Spring and State Line at a salary of $175 for fourteen months for each station. At each of these places a church was organized just before the meeting of this body, making three new churches organized within twelve months.

We also agreed to supplement the salary of Elder T. J. Horner at Bethany with $50, and Elder Lamberth's, at Roxboro, with $75.

Whole amount received from churches and left on hand from last year		$323.90
Paid to Elder Horner for Bethany	$50.00	
Paid to Elder Lamberth, Roxboro	75.00	
Paid to Elder Stradley, Sassafras Fork	66.30	
Paid to Elder Horner, State Line and Rock Spring	132.60	
	$323.90	$323.90
Balance due missionaries to date	$150.05	

We have collected to build house at State Line $180, and paid same to Bro. Sam. Gordon. We collected to build church at Sassafras Fork $151.70, and paid same to Building Committee of Sassafras Fork.

J. J. MEADOWS, *Chairman Committee.*

Which elicited a lengthy discussion, participated in by Bro. J. J. Meadows, Elders T. J. Horner, J. H. Lamberth, G. N. Pittard, R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and Bro. R. W. Hobgood.

On motion, after a cash collection of seventy-two ($72.00) dollars, with pledges from the churches enough to cover the deficiency reported by the committee, the report was adopted.

The Association

Resolved, That our Executive Board of Associational Missions is instructed to confer with the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to turn over the mission work of the Association to the State Board. If this cannot be done,

Resolved, That the same Board is hereby re-appointed and authorized to carry on the mission work of the Association as heretofore.

The Treasurer's report was offered and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Total Membership.	Sunday Schools.	Baptized.	Total amount Benevolence.	Increase or Decrease in Contributions this year compared with last.	Per Capita.
Antioch	48	1	8	$ 50 19	25 times as much	$ 1 25
Amis' Chapel	182	1	20	65 96	3 3-5 times less	36
Bethel	132	1		73 50	Inerease	55
Bethany	42	1	1	8 25	5 times more	19
Concord	102	1		110 65	Increase	1 04
Corinth	140	1		95 42	2 times more	68
Enon	86	1	1	117 99	1 4-5 times less	1 37
Fellowship	*104					
Flat River Union	127	1	9	88 35	Don't know last year	69
Grassy Creek	306	4	33	121 12	4 times more	39
Henderson	† 75	1				2 43
Hester's	205	1	14	319 50	2 times more	1 55
Island Creek	209	2	34	286 57	Equal to last year	1 42
Mary's Chapel	39	1		5 00	Increase	13
Mill Creek	140	1		108 84	Don't know last year	72
Mountain Creek	179	1		96 78	18 times more	54
Mt. Zion	205	1	13	324 85	2 times less	1 58
Mt. Harmony	32			1 90	2 times less	06
New Light	‡201					§§ 02
Oxford	144	1	12	453 92	Increase	3 15
Olive Branch	185	1	8	25 95	Increase	14
Olive Grove	25					
Poplar Creek	123	1	8	227 11	Increase	1 84
Providence	47	1				
Pleasant Grove	54		3	9 60	2½ times more	18
Roxboro	25	1	3	105 00	2 times more	4 22
Sassafras Fork ††						
Rock Hill ‡‡	17			12 00		70
State Line ‖‖	37			33 67		09
Tally Ho	129		12	49 68	Increase	39
	2986 ‖	25 §	179 ¶	$2785 75 **		§§ last year's.

*Last year's. No letter to Association.
†Last year's. No letter.
‡Good report. No letter.
‖Gain of 116.
§About seven churches without schools.
¶70 more than last year.
**If include $152.00 raised at Association, it will be $2,937.75. This is $1,330.92 more than last year's gifts.
††New church just constituted.
‡‡Just constituted.
‖‖New church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. FOUSHEE,
JOHN S. HARDAWAY,
Committee.

The report on Church Letters was offered, which was discussed by Elders Horner, Marsh, G. N. Pittard and Hardaway, and brethren Thos. Pittard, Winston and Hobgood, and then adopted.

The committee on Time and Place for holding next session of the Association reported.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

Your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to report: Place—Antioch, Person County, North Carolina. Time—Tuesday after second Sunday in August, 1887. Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

T. H. STREET,
LAWSON KNOTT,
J. T. C. NORWOOD.
Committee.

The following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit as their report an extract from the Report of the Home Mission Board, made at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"This year by the Divine blessing we are enabled to report 255 missionaries and 3,812 baptisms. These results have been secured by combining our efforts with those of our brethren who live upon our mission fields and using our funds to stimulate their energies to do the work which lies at their doors and is so near their hearts. In no other way could it have been accomplished.

"The ultimate end of all Christian effort is to give the gospel to every creature, and every Christian organization—all our churches, Sunday schools, Mission Societies, Associations and Conventions—are to be valued by the influence they exert in the accomplishment of this end. They are worth just so much as they contribute to the perfection of this grand design of our Saviour and no more. Let our Home Mission work be estimated by this rule.

"The evangelization of this country is the prime factor in the world's conversion. From our American churches, more largely than from all the remainder of the world, must be drawn both of men and means to conquer the world for Christ.

"Without the consecration of the resources and energies of our people to this mighty task, there seems, to human eyes, little hope for the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth. This land of ours must be the base of supply for the host of God that invades the dark heathen realms. From our churches must go forth ten thousand consecrated soldiers of the Cross, an immortal band, to subdue the nations. To sustain them we must have strong, active, liberal churches at home, organized for the Master's work and thoroughly in sympathy with his loving purposes to man.

"We must fill our land with the truth; consecrate to our King the spiritual power of its sixty millions of people; subordinate all its vast material and industrial resources to the work of the Lord; make its commerce tributary to the great ends of human redemption; transmute its gold and precious things into the bread of life to feed the starving nations; then, and to us it seems not

till then, over this darkened earth will righteousness go forth as brightness and salvation a lamp that burneth."

Respectfully,

GEO. N. PITTARD,
E. C. COLEY,
J. S. HOBGOOD.
Committee.

Was offered and adopted.

The Association then adopted the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the Flat River Association, being in full sympathy with the work and labor of our missionaries in foreign fields, pledge ourselves to do what we can to advance the great work in which our missionaries are engaged. That we ought not to be satisfied until "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." That we recognize and acknowledge that the church received marching orders when the great commission was given, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

On motion, a committee consisting of Elds. T. J. Horner and J. A. Stradley and Bro. J. G. Morgan was appointed to make arrangements for holding Ministers' and Deacons' meetings in this Association.

Elder T. J. Horner and brethren J. G. Morgan and J. S. Meadows were appointed Associational delegates to the next Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk.*

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner	Henderson	R. C. Jones	Berea	3d " " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	2d " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. H. Smith	Oxford	4th " " "
Fellowship					
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson			
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	L. Knott	Oxford	2d " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	3d " " "
Mary's Chapel	H. F. Poston	Wake Forest Col'ge	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	John L. Gentry	Mill Creek	4th " " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	D. W. Eaks	Oak Hill	3d " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	J. H. Meadows	Berea	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	I. T. Denny	Centre Grove	4th " " "
New Light		Rogers' Store	L. A. Wilson	New Light	2d " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	B. F. Taylor	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove	N. P. Stallings	Hutchinson's Store	J. F. Bailey	Rogers' Store	1st " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	1st " " "
Providence	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	A. C. Long	Chub Lake	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove	James W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	J. W. Fuller	Oxford	1st " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d Sabbath and at night.
Rock Spring	T. J. Horner	Henderson	F. D. Harris		4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro	2d " " "
State Line	T. J. Horner	Henderson	Thomas Wilson		2d " " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. S. Jones	Tally Ho !	3d " " "

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Associa'l Missions.	Baptist Orphanage	For the Poor.	Church Extension.	Oxford Asylum.
Amis' Chapel	25	$ 20 80	$ 16 30	$ 7 31	$ 11 05	$	$	$	$
Antioch		25 43	6 66			3 60	8 00		
Bethany					8 25				
Bethel	1 75	22 80	15 50	1 00	10 00				
Concord	17 45	37 75	17 50	7 95	15 00			15 00	
Corinth	8 50	33 92	4 25		3 70	25 50		19 65	
Enon	10 00	59 60	57 64		8 60			16 00	
Fellowship									
Flat River Union	12 00	33 10	10 00	7 25	7 00				
Grassy Creek	10 33	51 60	6 06		10 00			41 63	
Henderson	65 00	49 25	10 00						
Hester's	10 00	51 45	19 25	11 00	40 95	50 00		34 35	
Island Creek	25 00	115 00	21 48	12 44	8 50	25 15			
Mary's Chapel	3 00		1 00		1 00				
Mill Creek	10 00	20 24	25 90			5 00		6 35	
Mountain Creek	2 20	6 10	6 00		15 00			67 48	
Mt. Zion	11 50	178 75	209 60	2 25	60 10	76 50			
Mt. Harmony		95	95						
New Light									
Oxford	105 87	71 73	129 69	12 71	23 41	52 81		41 00	21 00
Olive Branch				8 00				17 95	
Olive Grove									
Poplar Creek	12 00	76 01	52 40	9 20	9 00	42 00			
Providence			1 80						
Pleasant Grove		9 60							
Roxboro	10 00	28 50	10 00	5 00	12 00	5 00			
Rock Spring					10 00				
Sassafras Fork									
State Line									
Tally Ho	87	12 00	14 50	2 68	4 43				
	$ 315 72	$ 904 58	$ 631 48	$ 96 54	$ 257 99	$ 285 56	$ 8 00	$ 249 41	$ 21 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$	$ 1 50	$142 00	20	2	2	3	4	2	70	112	182
Antioch		1 50		8	1		8			17	31	48
Bethany		1 00		1	3			3		20	22	42
Bethel	100 00	1 00	24 00		3		11	2		48	84	132
Concord	150 00	1 50			6		1		3	31	71	102
Corinth		1 50			1	1	2	2		47	93	140
Enon	250 00	1 50		1	1	1	10	1	2	35	51	86
Fellowship												
Flat River Union		1 30	11 00	9	1		1	4	3	34	93	127
Grassy Creek		2 10		33	9	1	33	3	2	112	194	306
Henderson	600 00	1 50	174 00	4	13		7			51	48	99
Hester's		2 50	60 00	14	5	2	13	8		84	121	205
Island Creek	200 00	2 00	79 00	34	5	1	3	3	3	97	112	209
Mary's Chapel		50						7		7	32	39
Mill Creek	100 00	1 50		14	5	1	2			56	99	155
Mountain Creek		1 30				1	14		3	73	106	179
Mt. Zion		2 00	50 00	13	2		1	3		89	116	205
Mt. Harmony		30							1	8	24	32
New Light	100 00	2 00		1	3	2	7	2		57	123	180
Oxford	900 00		20 75	12	10		6	2	1	58	86	144
Olive Branch	100 00	1 50	30 00	8	4		3	2	1	63	122	185
Olive Grove	50 00	1 00			4	1		4		11	14	25
Poplar Creek		1 50	20 50	8	2	5	4	3	1	47	76	123
Providence		1 00								16	31	47
Pleasant Grove		1 50		3		1	2	1	1	24	30	54
Roxboro	200 00	1 00	20 00	3	10		2		1	14	11	25
Rock Spring		50										17
Sassafras Fork		1 00		6						14	18	32
State Line		1 00		10						15	22	37
Tally Ho		1 50		12			3	2		51	78	129
		$38 50		214	90	19	166	56	24	1259	2020	3288

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Amount Contributed.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	$
Antioch	N. W. Jordan	Roxboro	1	5	25	
Bethel	Ruffin Woody	Bethel Hill	1	2	20	3 00
Concord	E. C. Coley	Dutchville	2	4	60	15 84
	A. M. Veazey	Knapp of Reeds			30	
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	2		18 00
Enon	T. R. Averett	Oxford	1	4	50	30 04
Flat River Union	R. O. Critcher	Knapp of Reeds	1	3	30	
Grassy Creek	J. R. Calahan					
	Robert Hester	Young's X Roads	3			
	J. L. Clark					
Hester's	L. Knott	Oxford	1	6	41	40 00
Island Creek	R. L. Dunn	Williamsboro	2	12	120	14 00
	J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro				
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Whelous		1	5		
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	3	25	11 35
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Young's X Roads	1	6	65	
Mt. Zion	D. J. Gooch	Berea	1	6	52	25 90
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	150	109 55
Olive Branch	J. D. Ramsey		1	4	51	
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith		1	4	24	
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	5	44	32 10
Providence			1			
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	6	31	15 00
Rock Spring	C. Gordon		1			
Sassafras Fork	M. L. Traylor	Sassafras	1	6	40	
State Line	W. S. Gordon		1			
Tally Ho			1			4 50

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE IST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH CHURCH, PERSON CO., N. C.,

August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1887.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD, ... Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—WALTER P. STRADLEY, ... Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM, ... Oxford, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, PERSON CO., N C.,
August 16th, 1887.

The sermon introductory to the 94th session of the Flat River Association was preached at the stand by Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., of Scotland Neck, N. C., from Romans 5 : 9. At the same hour Rev. W. B. Wingate occupied the pulpit in the church. In the

AFTERNOON,

after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. T. W. Greer, the Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was then called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, as follows :

Amis Chapel—W. C. Rogers, *Lubrie Chandler, John Pool.
Bethany—Thomas Sweeney, B. C. Riggs, *W. H. Copley.
Antioch—W. A. Barton, C. H. Taft, A. A. Tinger.
Concord—Thomas Smith, J. D. Clark, *T. B. Clark.
Bethel—W. M. T. Woody, John C. Rogers, G. D. Neal.
Corinth—J. W. Pittard, *J. I. Gordon, W. C. Pittard.
Enon—*J. P. Cannaday, W. J. Royster, W. H. Smith.
Fellowship—*D. R. Weathers, W. S. Beck, *D. S. Lawrence.
Flat River Union—*E. H. Veazey, *W. E. Boswell, David Hall.
Grassy Creek—John L. Pittard, W. P. Wilkerson, *G. W. Rogers.
Henderson—*T. L. Mitchell, *T. M. Pittman, J. H. Lassiter.
Hester's—R. W. Hobgood, C. L. Taylor, R. B. Brooks.
Island Creek—*W. H. Green, *S. A. Green, *J. R. Perkinson.
Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen. N. T. Jones.
Mill Creek B. F. Gentry, S. A. Clayton, J. S. Gentry.
Mountain Creek—L. S. Elliott, G. T. Watkins, *Charles Williams.
Mt. Zion—D. J. Gooch, E. A. Howard, J. F. Meadows.
Mt. Harmony—*D. W. Knott, P. W. Peed, S. Bumpass.
New Light—
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, *Dr. J. S. Meadows, Groves J. Day.
Olive Grove—
Poplar Creek—A. C. Parham, *Chas. Ball, *J. E. Collis.
Olive Branch—James Hayes, *J. J. Drumright, G. J. Jones.
Providence—J. M. Long, Drury Gravitt, A. C. Long.
Pleasant Grove—
Roxboro—R. K. Daniel, Josephus Younger, A. R. Foushee.
Rock Spring—F. D. Harris, J. T. Harris, Chalmers Gordon.
Sassafras Fork—Uriah Cutts, J. H. Wilson, J. T. C. Norwood.
State Line—J. Y. Ramsey, T. A. Royster, W. S. Gordon.
Tally Ho—H. T. Beasley, J. H. Thompson, C. H. Washington.

*Absent.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of F. P. Hobgood, Moderator; Walter P. Stradley, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., Scotland Neck, N. C., Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, and Rev. C. S. Farriss, Editor *Biblical Recorder*, responded to the invitation extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association.

The Moderator announced the following

COMMITTEES:

Periodicals—Rev. J. A. Stradley, W. C. Rogers, W. A. Copley.
State Missions—John E. Ray, Thomas Smith, W. M. T. Woody,
Foreign Missions—Rev. J. D. Hufham, J. W. Pittard, W. S. Gordon.
Home Missions—Rev. R. H. Marsh, E. C. Montague, Geo. T. Watkins.
Education—Rev. R. T. Vann, W. H. Smith, D. S. Lawrence.
Church Letters—Rev. J. H. Lamberth, A. R. Foushee.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. VanDeventer, Rev. J. D. Hufham, J. J. Meadows.
Place and Preaching for Next Session—J. H. Lassiter, D. J. Gooch, Graves Day.
Sunday Schools—T. H. Street, W. P. Wilkerson, G. W. Rogers.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Antioch Church.

On motion, the Report on Periodicals was made the special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and the Report on State Missions the special order for 11 o'clock. Adjourned.

Sermons were preached at the stand this morning by Revs. C. H. Humphries and R. T. Vann.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 17.

The Moderator, after calling the Association to order, introduced Rev. R. T. Vann as the representative of the Board of Education.

Rev. T. W. Greer led devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

At 10 o'clock Rev. J. A. Stradley read the following Report on Periodicals, which, after a lively discussion by Rev. J. A. Stradley, Rev. C. S. Farriss, James A. Lassiter, J. J. Meadows, A. C. Parham, Robert Hobgood and Dr. J. D. Hufham, was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We take pleasure in commending to every Baptist family in our Association the *Biblical Recorder*, published in Raleigh, N. C., C. T. Bailey, proprietor, Elder C. S. Farriss, editor. No Baptist can be properly prepared to do his work as a christian, who does not read his State religious paper.

We earnestly recommend that each pastor in the Association will see to it, that each church in his care be thoroughly canvassed for subscribers to the *Recorder*. It might be well to have a standing agent in each church for this work.

We also commend to our people the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va.

We also call special attention to *Charity and Children*, the organ of our Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. C. ROGERS,
W. H. COPLEY.

Rev. J. A Stradley moved that the Report on Education be discussed the first thing in the afternoon, to be followed immediately by the discussion of the Orphanage.

At 11 o'clock Bro. John E. Ray read and discussed the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The interest in this department of our work is constantly increasing; and year by year God is adding His seal to the efforts put forth. A larger number of missionaries are under the employment of the State Board of Missions than at any time in the history of the Convention. Eighty-one men have been commissioned this year, and are laboring to carry the gospel into every portion of the State now destitute. Three of these have been preaching in the bounds of this Association.

It will be remembered that this Association turned all its mission work over to the State Board a year ago. The requests of the Executive Committee have all been complied with, and the work is going on encouragingly and harmoniously.

The reports of the missionaries in this Association, and all through the State, show most gratifying results. A very large number of new churches and Sunday-schools have been organized, several new houses of worship finished, and many more are in process of erection, while the preached word has met with wonderful success. Several hundred souls have already been baptized by the missionaries, and a great many are awaiting baptism, and indications point to even larger and more glorious results.

Since our Association work has been turned over to the State Board, our contributions to Associational Missions go in that channel. And we should strive to make them as large as possible. Owing to the short crops and the close times financially, our contributions have fallen off a good deal. Let us strive to make up this deficit before the meeting of the Convention in November, and thus relieve our State Board of all embarrassment and our missionaries of need.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
THOS. SMITH,
W. M. T. WOODY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned till 1½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. B. Wingate.

The Clerk read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The great need of our churches to-day is consecrated, educated christian men and women. To meet this need, two schools especially, Wake Forest College and Oxford Female Seminary, are doing excellent work. They deserve the sympathy and patronage of the Association.

The object of the Board of Education is to aid needy young men who are seeking an education, and who have impressed the brethren of their respective churches that they are called of God to preach the gospel. The Board has no organic connection with the college, but depends for its support upon the contributions of the churches of the different Associations.

This Association contributed to the Board last year $318—more than any other Association.

Last year thirty-six young ministers were aided; but the ever-increasing demand for more requires an enlargement of the Board's work. It cannot go forward without the support of the churches. The need is urgent. If the contributions are not increased, the number of beneficiaries must be diminished, for the Board closed its last year's work with a debt of about $1,600 to paralyze its further efforts.

After January next the Board hopes to put a man in the field whose sole work shall be to present its claims to the churches of the State.

R. T. VANN, *Chairman Committee.*

The report having been discussed by Dr. Hufham, Rev. J. A. Stradley, and Rev. R. T. Vann, was adopted.

Dr. Hufham read the report on the Orphanage, the consideration of which, on motion, was postponed till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

REPORT OF BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The establishment of this institution marks an era in the history of the Baptists of the State. It is the beginning of a movement, prominent in the work of our Lord and His apostles, to care for the bodily ills and ailments of the people, relieving them as far as possible. Our Lord meant that His people should be eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, feet to the lame, friends to the friendless. The establishment of the Orphanage marks the recognition of this high duty, this great privilege, on the part of our brethren. Its progress thus far is without a parallel in the whole history of the State. Without an agent, and without machinery for the collection of money, God has inclined His people to furnish the funds absolutely needful to the establishment and support of the institution.

During the year just closed, more than $6,000 have been contributed. A beautiful chapel has been erected, in which the orphans meet in Sunday-school and to hear preaching. Other improvements have also been made, and all the running expenses have been paid. Seventy orphans have been received since the opening of the institution. Fifty-eight are still there. There has been only one case of sickness requiring the attendance of a physician.

It is estimated that ten thousand dollars will be required to carry on the work for the year. A house is needed for the General Manager. A home is needed for

aged indigent ministers. Five hundred dollars should be furnished to provide printing outfit for the Orphanage journal, *Charity and Children*. Thirteen hundred dollars are also urgently needed to meet the last payment on one of the tracts of land belonging to the Orphanage.

We commend the institution to the prayerful consideration of the churches of your body. It is Christ-like in its spirit and aim, and well worthy of the best that we can do for it.

J. D. HUFHAM, *Acting Chairman.*

Dr. Hufham read and discussed the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From Shanghai, the field in which our body is specially interested, there come glad tidings. Bro. Herring has commenced preaching to the Chinese in their native tongue, though it is but a little over a year ago that he reached his field. Four persons had been baptized at date of last advices, and the church was enjoying a season of gracious revival, with indications of coming prosperity. Bro. Bryan, who went out with Bro. Herring, has also commenced preaching in the native tongue. The other stations in China likewise give indications of the Divine favor in an unusual degree.

In Italy the absence of Bro. Taylor and the temporary retirement of Bro. Eager on account of the summer heat, have created a sort of pause in the work. Bro. Taylor will soon return, and we may hope speedily to see the early promise of that mission more than realized.

In Brazil the prosperity of the mission has been affected by the absence of Bro. Bagley in this country to recruit his health. He is to go back very soon, carrying reinforcements. There is reason to look for increased prosperity with the increase of working force.

From Africa there is no recent intelligence. Bro. David and his co-laborers are maintaining their ground, waiting and hoping for the blessings promised to those who "sow in tears."

In Mexico God continues to bless the work of our missionaries in a most wonderful degree. The history of modern missions hardly affords a parallel. The story of it reads more like a chapter from the acts of the apostles. At every point God is blessing the preached Word in the conversion and baptism of sinners. Men come a great distance to hear the Word, and our missionaries are constantly urged to go into new fields to preach to the people.

One thing in reference to all these things: God calls His people not only to maintain the work already begun, but also to enlarge it as rapidly as possible.

J. D. HUFHAM,
J. W. PITTARD,
W. S. GORDON,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Report on Church Letters was read, as given below, by Bro. A. R. Foushee, chairman committee. Discussed by Bro. A. C. Parham and Rev. R. H. Marsh, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	Total Membership	S. Schools.	Baptized.	Total amount for Benevolence.	INCREASE OR DECREASE IN CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH LAST.	Per capita.
Antioch	77	1	25	$ 268 00	3 times as much	$3 49
Amis' Chapel	178	1	....	216 45	3 times as much	1 22
Bethel	154	3	33	49 05	½ times less	32
Bethany	50	1	7	21 03	2⅓ times as much	42
Concord	100	2	....	131 05	¼ times more	1 31
Corinth	137	1	4	11 06	⅞ less	8
Enon	94	1	2	158 21	¼ times more	1 72
Fellowship	82	....	....	18 64	18.64 more	22¾
Flat River Union	119	1	3	88 32	small increase	75
Grassy Creek	277	2	....	58 39	40 per cent. less	21
Henderson	101	1	5	801 50	3 1-5 times more*	7 93
Hesters	198	1	3	126 94	60 per cent less	64
Island Creek	188	1	7	158 95	40 per cent. less	83
Mary's Chapel	46	1	6	3 50	40 per cent. less	7¾
Mill Creek	144	1	24	120 65	1-6 increase	84
Mountain Creek	229	1	28	99 35	1-6 times less	43
Mt. Zion	215	1	19	763 88	over 100 per rent.	3 55*
Mt. Harmony	47	1	14	1 00	⅔ less	2
New Light	.....	....	....	.....	No letter received	.....
Oxford	153	1	5	708 29	½ increase	4 63
Olive Branch	189	1	1	6 25	¾ less	3¾
Olive Grove	.....	....	0	.....	No letter received	.....
Poplar Creek	127	1	....	227 19	Small decrease	1 78
Providence	63	1	10	4 50	Don't know last year	7
Pleasant Grove	.....	....	....	.....	No letter received	.....
Roxboro	44	1	5	157 05	Small decrease	3 5
Sassafras Fork	48	1	9	59 67	Don't know last year	1 25
Rock Spring	20	....	2	1 50	Don't know last year	7½
State Line	51	1	12	5 66	Don't know last year	11
Tally Ho	140	1	15	59 78	Small increase	42½
Total	3,271	29	239	$4,325 33		$1 32
					1886 was	93
Increase of all	285	4	60	$1,537 58		39

*This report does not include salary of pastors.

J. H. Lassiter, chairman Committee on Time and Place of Next Session, read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to report place, Poplar Creek, Vance county, N. C.; time, Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1888; Introductory Sermon, Rev. R. VanDeventer.

JAMES H. LASSITER,
D. J. GOOCH,
G. DAY,
Committee.

The Report on Home Missions was read by the Clerk, and discussed by Rev. J. A. Stradley.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following facts, as they are furnished by the Corresponding Secretary of the State Baptist Convention. The work of the Home Mission Board during the past Conventional year has been as follows:

Missionaries		251
Places occupied		822
Baptisms	3,923	
Received by letter	2,319	
Total additions	6,242	
Sunday-schools reported		318
Teachers and pupils		13,031
Churches constituted		119
Houses of worship built		62

THE EXPENDITURES

Have been for missions	$ 86,827 05
Our missionaries have raised for houses of worship built upon their fields of labor	35,270 15
Total	$ 122,097 20

This sum represents actual work done for the Baptists of the South.

TWENTY-FIVE

of our missionaries have labored among the colored people, of whom five have been engaged in giving theological instruction to their preachers and other official members.

While in no part of our wide field have we been without evidences of the Divine favor, our greatest success has been in

CUBA,

where Bro. A. J. Diaz has organized three churches, baptized 325, established four Sunday-schools and three day schools, where the children are instructed in religious truth as well as such branches of learning as are ordinarily taught in these schools.

These daily schools are rendered necessary by the persecutions to which Baptists are subjected in that island.

During the year there were many calls for help, which we could not answer.

THIS YEAR

the Board proposes to enlarge its work.

THE INDIANS

are appealing piteously to us for more men. They want, and must have, another school, to be located at Atoka, in the Choctaw Nation.

IN FLORIDA,

besides the smaller towns and other places to which our work must be extended, Pensacola, St. Augustine, and the thousands of Cubans at Tampa, must be helped.

LOUISIANA,

including New Orleans, requires double what she received last year. Such men as Penic and Tompkies say she must have it or disasters will follow.

The work among our

COLORED PEOPLE,

so auspiciously begun, must be enlarged until it reaches every State in the South.

CUBA

must have missions opened in Matanzas, Cardenas, Santiago de Cuba, and other cities, where we are told that thousands anxiously wait the coming of the Heralds of the Cross.

SIX NATIVE CUBANS,

whom God has called to the work of the ministry, instructed by Bro. Diaz, are now prepared to go forth preaching Christ to their countrymen.

We must send these, or disobey the call of the Divine Spirit. Then we must have a

HOUSE OF WORSHIP

in Havana. This is an imperative need.

We would weary you with a recital of these wants of special fields.

The Baptists of the South have made it our business to look after this department of their work, and we say to our brethren that we must have

THIS YEAR

an increase of fifty per cent. upon the receipts of last year.

God has so enlarged the sphere of our labors that nothing less than this will enable us to do what is imperatively demanded of the Board.

Respectfully, R. H. MARSH, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 18th.

After devotional exercises, Rev. T. W. Greer was requested by motion to read a report of work done by him as missionary of the Association at Rock Spring and State Line churches. The following is his report:

REPORT OF REV. T. W. GREER.

To John Meadows, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Flat River Association:

DEAR BROTHER:—The following report is for 7½ months' labor, commencing January 1st, 1887, with Rock Spring and State Line churches:

Number of sermons preached	55
Churches supplied	2
Prayer meetings attended	29
Religious visits made	77
Number Baptized	12
Added by Letter	4
Protracted meetings held	1
Professed conversions	27

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. GREER, *Missionary.*

After brief remarks on the report by Rev. T. W. Greer and Bro. W. S. Gordon, a subscription (see "Subscriptions" below) amounting to $90.00, was raised to lift the debt on State Line Church.

Dr. Hufham, in a thrilling speech, opened the discussion of the report on the Orphanage, which was read Wednesday afternoon. He was followed in the discussion by Revs. R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley and J. H. Lamberth, and brethren T. H. Street, A. C. Parham and J. H. Lassiter.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolutions as an amendment:

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE ORPHANAGE.

WHEREAS, It is important that the last tract of land belonging to the Orphanage at Thomasville be paid for; and

WHEREAS, Five hundred dollars now on hand would greatly help to that end; and

WHEREAS, Bro. J. H. Lassiter, of Henderson, agrees to advance $500 for the Association; therefore,

Resolved, That the Association accept the proposition of Bro. Lassiter, and request Bro. J. D. Hufham to visit the churches and raise this amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Association on the Flat River building, promised by us to be built.

The report was adopted as amended.

The Treasurer, A. C. Parham, made his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	Education.	F. Missions.	H. Missions.	S. Schools.	State Mission.	Orphange.
Amis' Chapel	$ 2 00	$ 10 17	$ 18 06	$ 5 50	$	$ 17 62	$ .....
Antioch	2 00	3 95	6 00	3 45	.....	25 75	.....
Bethel	2 00	6 84	23 78	13 83	.....	.....	8 60
Bethany	1 10	7 29	25	4 60	.....	7 79	.....
Concord	2 00	10 25	13 75	5 00	.....	5 05	5 00
Corinth	1 50	05	4 46	2 10	.....	2 95	.....
Enon	1 50	11 25	60 13	15 55	.....	11 75	11 25
Fellowship	1 75	.....	.....	6 04	.....	.....	.....
Flat River Union	1 50	10 00	10 00	6 00	.....	14 40	42 00
Grassy Creek	2 10	7 15	2 95	10 00	.....	.....	13 65
Henderson	1 50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hester's	2 50	13 31	29 22	9 75	.....	17 00	9 03
Island Creek	2 00	13 00	29 40	12 65	.....	58 00	25 00
Mill Creek	3 00	16 12	5 00	10 00	.....	17 00	.....
Mountain Creek	1 47	6 50	17 00	15 84	.....	9 00	6 50
Mt. Zion	1 70	24 78	224 91	15 16	2 80	216 80	33 25
Mt. Harmony	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Mary's Chapel	50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Light	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	1 50	56 09	62 33	23 71	.....	28 19	16 14
Olive Branch	1 50	.....	.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....
Olive Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence	1 00	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Creek	2 00	6 65	56 10	13 45	3 99	86 12	36 75
Roxboro	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	17 00
Rock Spring	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
State Line	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 32	.....
Tally Ho	1 50	3 60	10 00	2 65	.....	5 00	19 10
Sassafras Fork	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$43 87	$318 10	$580 84	$180 03	$ 6 79	$540 74	$233 17
Cash col., at Ass.,	.....	9 75	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
		$327 85				$560 74	

Dr. Hufham, by invitation, spoke concerning Greenville Memorial Church.

The Association adopted the following Report on Sunday-schools, as read by Bro. T. H. Street:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There is a gradual improvement in the work, and we think the cause is taking a permanent hold upon our churches. We are sorry there is a lack of interest in our country churches. There is not that enthusiasm in the work, either in our Association or State, as there was a few years ago; and why do

we say so? Because we have abandoned Institutes and Conventions, feeling that the Sunday-school is a great auxiliary to the church. The above unfavorable remarks ought not so to be, but let us bestir ourselves, and thereby increase a general interest in a cause that is second only to the gospel in bringing souls to Christ. T. H. STREET.

Bro. A. C. Parham moved that the delegates be appointed to the Convention, which is to convene at Durham. The Moderator appointed brethren Samuel Haywood, A. C. Parham and T. H. Street.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, as offered by Dr. Hufham:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the pastor and members of this church, and to the people of the community, for their hospitality and courtesy to us during our present session.

J. D. HUFHAM.

Rev. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the State Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions, and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

The time for closing the session having arrived, the hymn, "Sweet By and Bye," was sung, and the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next session.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

WALTER P. STRADLEY, *Clerk*.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STATE LINE CHURCH.

Amis' Chapel	$ 5 00
Antioch	3 00
Bethany	3 00
Bethel	5 00
Enon	5 00
F. R. Union	5 00
Grassy Creek	8 00
Henderson	6 00
Hester's	5 00
Island Creek	5 00
Mary's Chapel	3 00
Mill Creek	5 00
Mountain Creek	5 00
Mt. Zion	5 00
Oxford	5 00
Olive Branch	2 00
Poplar Creek	5 00
Roxboro	5 00
Tally Ho	5 00
	$ 90 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STATE MISSIONS,

(*To be Paid by November* 11, 1887.)

Mill Creek	$ 20 00
Henderson	20 00
J Younger (pd)	5 00
Mt. Zion (special fund)	70 00
Mt. Zion, per D. J. Gooch, B. D. Howard, &c	15 00
J. W. Pittard (pd)	3 00
J. L. Pittard (pd)	1 00
T. J. Smith	2 00
J. D. Clark (pd)	1 00
	$ 137 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Henderson Church	$ 30 00
F. P. Hobgood	5 00
T. H. Street	5 00
Sassafras Fork	5 00
S. Bumpass (pd)	2 00
Rev. J. A. Beam (pd)	2 00
Rev. W. B. Wingate (pd)	1 00
D. J. Gooch (pd)	1 00
Rev. R. H. Marsh (pd)	1 00
Samuel Haywood (pd)	25
	$ 52 25

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	2d " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	R. C. Jones	Mariah	2d " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	S. C. Humphries		4th " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " " "
Corinth	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	2d " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	W. H. Smith	Oxford	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	I. H. Perry	Beck	4th " " "
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Roysdale	Youngs Cross Roads	4th " " "
Henderson	R. Van Deventer	Henderson	J. L. H. Missillier	Henderson	Every Sabbath.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	Lawson Knott	Oxford	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	3d " " "
Mary's Chapel	F. H. Poston	Wake Forest	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " " "
Mill Creek	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek	2d " " "
Mountain Creek	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill	3d " " "
Mt. Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	J. H. Meadows	Berea	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	Simeon Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah	4th " " "
New Light					
Oxford	Jno. S. Hardaway	Oxford	B. F. Taylor	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	W. T. Humphries	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	1st Sabbath and Sat. before
Providence	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	A. C. Long	Chub Lake	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove					
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d Sabbath and night.
Rock Spring	T. W. Greer	Woodworth	Chalmers Gordon	Woodworth	4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Stovall	2d " " "
State Line	T. W. Greer	Woodworth	Thos. Wilson	Clarksville Va.	1st " " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. S. Jones	Tally Ho	3d " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'md by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$ 1 50	$ 141 00	....	2	..	2	3	1	68	110	178
Antioch	.....	220 00	25	7	..	...	..	2	28	49	77
Bethany	.....	.....	7	6	..	3	..	1	20	30	50
Bethel	.....	.....	33	..	3	7	1	5	54	100	154
Concord	1 50	.....	...	..		....	..	3	31	69	100
Corinth	.....	.....	4	1	..	6	..	2	45	92	137
Enon	2 50	21 15	2	9	1	....	1	..	41	53	94
Fellowship	.....	.....	..	2	..	4	1	1	25	57	82
Flat River Union	....	.....	3	..	1	2	2	7	34	85	119
Grassy Creek	2 00	.....	..	1	..	14	4	2	96	181	277
Henderson	10 00	350 00	5	5	..	3	..	..	.....	.....	101
Hester's	.....	.....	3	..	2	8	5	4	81	117	198
Island Creek	.....	.....	7	1	..	15	9	1	83	105	188
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	6	2	..	1	..	..	12	34	46
Mill Creek	2 00	6 00	24	4	5	18	5	3	54	90	144
Mountain Creek	2 00	33 00	28	4	3	9	3	5	80	149	229
Mt. Zion	.....	.....	19	2	..	6	2	3	94	121	215
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	14	2	..	3	..	..	16	31	47
Oxford	8 00	*133 75	5	5	..	3	1	..	61	92	153
Olive Branch	.....	.....	....	2	..	1	..	..	63	126	189
Poplar Creek	.....	.....	....	1	..	1	2	1	46	81	127
Providence	.....	.....	10	2	..	....	2	..	.....	.....	63
Roxboro	2 00	51 00	5	13	..	....	..	..	20	24	44
Rock Spring	.....	.....	2	1	..	....	..	..	10	10	20
Sassafras Fork	1 50	24 00	9	12	..	....	..	..	21	27	48
State Line	.....	†800 00	12	3	..	....	..	..	24	27	51
Tally Ho	.....	.....	15	3	..	3	3	3	55	85	140
			238	90	15	109	44	44	1,162	1,935	3,097

*Internal Improvement by Ladies' Aid Society.
†Expended for building the church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	Church Extension	For Poor.	Unclassified.	Bryan House.
Amis' Chapel	$	$ 7 60	$ 4 50	$	$
Antioch					
Bethany					
Bethel					
Concord				90 00	
Corinth					
Enon		1 73	18 92		
Fellowship		10 85			
Flat River Union				5 92	
Grassy Creek					
Henderson					
Hester's			51 13		
Island Creek		8 50			6 62
Mary's Chapel	1 00				
Mill Creek					
Mountain Creek			9 50		
Mt. Zion	10 00				
Oxford	42 30	99 20			
Olive Branch					
Poplar Creek			10 00		10 25
Providence					
Roxboro		37 25			12 80
Sassafras Fork		8 25			
Tally Ho		4 75	6 35		
	$ 54 30	$ 178 13	$100 40	$ 95 92	$ 29 70

NOTE.—Oxford gave $25.00 to Charleston Church.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES.	Schools	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Contributions.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	$ 7 61
Antioch	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro	1	7	68	
Bethel	Ruffin Woody	Bethel Hill	3	11	110	10 00
	J. B. Barrett					
	Sam Weekey	Hyco				
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	2	8	75	13 60
	E. C. Coley	Dutchville				
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	4	*30	
Enon	T. R. Averitt	Oxford	1	4	*52	24 84
F. R. Union	R. O. Critcher	Knap of Reeds	1	8	*35	
Grassy Creek	J. G. Pittard	Pittards P. O.				
	J. R. Calahan	Brownsville	2	9	147	19 64
Hester's	Lawson Knapp	Oxford	1	6	*50	39 05
Henderson	T. M. Pittman	Henderson	1	20	142	350 00
Island Creek	J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro	1	8	*50	3 75
Mary's Chapel	J. A. Wheelons		1	4	50	
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	5	61	25 58
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Young's ✕ Roads	1	5	60	
	W. J. Downey					
Mt. Zion	D. J. Gooch	Berea	1	8	55	34 84
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	*150	16 07
Olive Branch	"A good Sabbath	S. every day"				
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	7	*52	33 00
Providence	J. H. Penticost		1		*50	
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	6	35	12 00
Sassafras Fork	Marcus Taylor	Stovall	1	6	50	
State Line	W. S. Gordon		1		67	
Tally Ho	J. A. Thomason	Tally Ho	1	3	*24	

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

NINETY-FIFTH SESSION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Poplar Creek Church, Vance County, N. C.

August 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1888.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD, - - - - - - OXFORD, N. C.
CLERK—C. T. WILSON, - - - - - - - ROXBORO, N. C
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM, - - - - - - OXFORD, N. C.

ROXBORO, N. C.:
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	*Post Offices.*
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinsons' Store, N. C.
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, "
" W. A. Barrott,	Franklinton, "
" T. W. Greer,	Woodworth, "
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, "
" T. J. Horner,	Henderson, "
" C. F. Humphries,	Oxford, "
" C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford, "
" N. S. Jones,	Raleigh, "
" J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro, "
" J. H. Layton,	Berea, "
" R. H. Marsh, D. D.,	Oxford "
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville, "
" N P. Stallings,	Dutchville, "
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "
" R. Van Deventer,	Henderson, "
" J. W. Watson,	Henderson, "

LICENTIATES:

Rev. G. T. Watkins,	Young's X Roads, N. C.
" J. G. Blalock,	Berea, "
" W. F. Warren,	Bethel Hill, "

PROCEEDINGS.

POPLAR CREEK CHURCH, VANCE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 14, 1888.

According to adjournment, the Flat River Association met with Poplar Creek Church, Vance County, N. C., August 14th, 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m. to hear the Introductory sermon by Rev. R. Van Deventer, of Henderson, N. C., from Matt. 10: 1. In the

AFTERNOON,

after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. Durham, Raleigh, N. C., the former Moderator, F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was then called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Amis Chapel—W. S. Holloway, R. Amis, T. B. Chandler*.
Antioch—J. L. Wilkerson*, C. H. Tapp, H. H. Nichols.
Bethany—Thos. Sweeney, J. A. Humphries, R. C. Jones.
Bethel—Ruffin Woody*, S. P. Gentry, S. C. Humphries.
Concord—E. C Coley*, J. H. Smith*. W. J. Coley.
Corinth—J. B. Elliott, E. T. Pittard, A. A. Clay.
Enon—T. R. Everett, P. H. Royster, S. T. Hunt.
Fellowship—D. T. Lawrence, W. L. Beck, J. W. Adams.
Flat River Union—R. Peed, E. H. Veasy, M. C. Washington*.
Grassy Creek—J. R. Ragsdale, T L. Winston, J. L. Pittard.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, J. W. Watson, T. M. Pitman.
Hester's—S. R. Pucket, J. M. Hobgood, J. H. Morris*.
Island Creek—R. L. Dunn, J. A. T. Shotwell, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—N. J. Jones, J. Z Allen, G. H. Wheelous*.
Mill Creek—J. H. Gentry*, S. A. Clayton, T. H. Street.
Mountain Creek—D. W. Eakes, W. S. Eakes, Silas Frazier.
Mt. Zion—J. G. Blalock, B. D. Howard, J. C. Currin.
Mt. Harmony—T. K. Jones*, D. E. Peed, S. Bumpass*.
New Light—B. M. Medlin, R. T. Keith*, L. A. Wilson.

*Absent.

Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, D. A. Hunt, O. J. Hayes.
Olive Grove—A. B. Smith*, Alford Keithe. J. F. Bailey.
Olive Branch—W. T. Wilborn*, E. D. Jones*, E. G. Y. Pool.
Poplar Creek—A. J. Wright, J. S. Parham, G. W. Ellington.*
Providence—J. L. Reagan*, G. W. Buchanan, Taylor Jackson.
Pleasant Grove—T. M. Thomason*, W. H Adcock*, E. B. Jeffrey*.
Roxboro—R. K. Daniel. R. A Pass, C. T. Willson.
Rock Spring—F. D. Harris*, John Overby, Chalmers Gordon.
State Line—C. S. Gordon, J. Y. Ramsey, J. G. Pittard.
Sassafras—M. L. Traylor*, Uriah Cutts, W. H. Wilson.
Tally Ho—W. T. Hunt, S. P. Washington, J. H. Thomasson*.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of F. P. Hobgood, Moderator; C. T. Willson, Clerk; and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

Bro. B. D. Howard moved that the Clerk be paid fifteen dollars ($15) instead of ten dollars ($10) for his services.

Dr. C. T. Bailey, editor *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. C. E. Taylor, President Wake Forest College, Dr. John Mitchell, corresponding secretary Board of Education, Rev. C. Durham, corresponding secretary State Mission Board, and Rev. A. W. Crabtree, Colporter of the Association, responded to the invitation extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association.

The Moderator announced the following

COMMITTEES:

PERIODICALS—Rev. R. Van Deventer, J. J. Meadows, R. Amis, Dr. C. T. Bailey
STATE MISSIONS—Rev. T. W. Greer, Rev. C. Durham, D. A. Hunt.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. J. A. Stradley, R. K. Daniel, S. C. Humphries.
EDUCATION—Rev. J. S Hardaway; E. C. Coley, Dr. John Mitchell, Dr. C. E. Taylor
CHURCH LETTERS—T. H. Street, J. B. Elliott, Rev. J. A. Beam.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—J. W. Watson, O. J. Hays, Rev. H. W. Battle.
PLACE AND PREACHING FOR NEXT SESSION—B. D. Howard, R. A. Pass, S. T. Hunt,
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—T. M. Pitman, A. J. Wright, J. G. Blalock.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor and Deacons of Poplar Creek church.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. A. Beam, F. L. Traylor, W. H. Wilson.
FLAT RIVER ORPHANAGE BUILDING—B. F. Hester, R. Amis.
COLPORTAGE—C. F. Humphries, A. W. Crabtree, E. T. Buchanan.

* Absent.

On motion, the Report on State Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Dr. C. E. Taylor, Revs. H. W. Battle, C. Durham, and Dr. C. T. Bailey would preach at the stand Wednesday.

Adjourned till 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 15.

Rev. J. M. White led devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Moderator introduced Rev. H. W. Battle, representative of the Orphanage, Rev J. M. White, President Excelsior Institute, and J. B. Brewer, President Chowan Female Institute.

At 10 o'clock Rev. C. Durham read and discussed the following Report on State Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Activity is life. Stagnation is death. Our God-given work is our opportunity to make the most of life, uplift humanity, and glorify Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

The duties and responsibilities of life are the real tests of our faith and obedience to the Lord. These are with us no less practical or important than with Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Daniel, Peter, Paul and others whose names are given in the Book.

He, who, with authority, and in sincerity gives a command, expects it to be obeyed.

Jesus Christ, our Lord and final Judge, has commanded us to preach the Gospel to every creature, and He expects us to do it. Shall we meet or disappoint His expectations?

We live in perhaps the most marvellous age of the world's history. In the Lord's Kingdom the needs of consecrated men and means are great—very great.

The harvest is come. We should look on the fields, and the love of Christ should constrain us in all of our work.

The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools has since our last Convention commissioned eighty-three Missionaries and eleven Colporters—ninety-four in all. This is twelve more workers than ever before under this Board. The Board wisely gave the winter, spring and most of the summer to collections for the other objects, but now wishes to urge the claims of State Missions and

Colportage. Larger appropriations have been made this year than ever before, and, hence, larger collections must be made to meet the demands.

The Board recommends the 5th Sunday in September as "Children's Day" for State Missions and will send out a beautiful programme to all who may desire it. The Board is of the opinion that the Sunday School work in the State is not what it ought to be, and is not being developed as the other departments of our work. This might be remidied by the organization of a Sunday School Association in each Association as they now exist.

The Board publishes *The Gospel Herald*, a monthly, which it thinks is worthy of support, and will, if put into the homes of the people, greatly aid in all departments of the work.

This Association is strong in numbers, in ministry, in active laymen, in devotion and in means. Let these be wisely used and God's continued blessings may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GREER,
C. DURHAM,
D. A. HUNT,
Committee.

On motion of Dr. R. H. Marsh a collection of $15 80 was taken up for State Missions.

At 11 o'clock Rev. R. Van Deventer read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* has always been sound in doctrine, brave in defending the truth as Baptists hold it, and strongly but prudently setting forth Baptist principles.

In the *Biblical Recorder* our denominational work has a strong friend, our pastors a willing helper, and our people an educator. Therefore we recommend the paper to the churches, asking them to unite in making the paper a better and more worthy organ of the Baptist churches.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va., will keep the churches informed of the work and needs of our Missionaries in foreign lands. That our churches may be alive to their duty towards the Heathen, we commend this journal.

The *Gospel Herald* posseses advantage in that it gives information concerning all the mission work of the Baptist State Convention. This paper fills an important place in our work and promises to be useful in advancing our Master's cause. We ask that we do what we can to increase its circulation.

The *Children and Charity*, published at the Orphanage in Thomasville, N. C., is worthy of our patronage. In the name of the Orphans it comes to us; in the name of Jesus and the Orphans let us support it.

Our Sunday Schools will find in the *Kind Words* a paper sound in doctrine, healthy in morals, and instructive in reading. This paper is published by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga. We commend its use in the Sunday School.

The Publication Society will furnish all needed Sunday School helps at small cost.

Respectfully submitted,

R. VAN DEVENTER,
J. J. MEADOWS,
R. AMIS,
C. T. BAILEY.
Committee

Discussed by Dr. C. T. Bailey, Revs. C. Durham, R. Van Deventer, J. J. Stradley, and Bro. A. C. Parham.

On motion, Rev. N. P. Stallings was allowed to present the claims of Olive Grove church and a collection of $21.65 was taken up.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. John Mitchell, D. D

The committee appointed to assertain how much had been contributed to the Flat River Orphanage Building reported as follows:

SPECIAL REPORT ON FLAT RIVER ORPHANAGE BUILDING.

The sources of information on this subject are not at hand, nor can they be procured during the present session. We, therefore, respectfully suggest that Dr. R. H. Marsh be appointed to ascertain how much the Association has contributed for building a house at the Baptist Orphanage and report at the next session. In the mean time publishing a full statement in the *Biblical Recorder*.

B. F. HESTER,
R. AMIS,
Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway read the following Report on Education, which, after a lengthy discussion by Dr. John Mitchell, Dr. R. H. Marsh, Dr. C. E. Taylor, J. B. Brewer, Revs. J. M. White, J. A. Beam, W. F. Watson, and C. A. Jenkins, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is no need to urge in this Report the importance of education. If ever there was a time when to educate was a necessity, this is the time.

We regard with pride and pleasure the great work that is being done by Wake Forest College for the Baptist and North Carolina.

The Board of Education assisted thirty-nine young men who are preparing themselves for the gospel ministry, and the Board could do a much larger work if the needed funds were supplied.

The subject of Female education is attracting greater attention than ever before. Schools doing good work in this line abound throughout the State. We have in our midst the Oxford Female Seminary, a school of high grade, well equipped, and under excellent management, where our daughters have fine educational advantages offered them.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
E. C. COLEY.
JOHN MITCHELL,
C. E. TAYLOR,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Parham, Bro. Joe Gordan laid before the Association the great need of a church at Fair Port. It was agreed that the delegates should lay this cause before their churches and forward all contributions to Bro. Gordan, at Reamston, N. C.

The committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows, which was adopted.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHING.

The next meeting of Flat River Association will be with Enon church, Granville county, N. C., Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1889; Introductory Sermon, Rev J. H. Lamberth.

B. D. HOWARD,
R. A. PASS,
S. T. HUNT,
Committee.

Rev. J. A. Stradley read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS:

The Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., with Drs. I. T. Tichenor and J. Wm. Jones as Corresponding Secretaries. The work of this Board is to give the Gospel to the destitute in the Southern and South-western States,

the Indian Territory, and the Island of Cuba. This is a large field. Vast destitution prevails. The Board has done a grand work. But much still remains to be done. Last year two hundred and fifty-one missionaries were at work in this field. They baptized 3,923 persons, and constituted 119 new churches.

Perhaps no mission field ever cultivated is yielding more encouraging results than Cuba. These Priest-ridden people are coming to Christ and the Baptists by the hundreds, almost by the thousands. Within the last few weeks one of the most prominent Catholic Priests of the Island, R. V. Molino, has become a Christian, and a Baptist preacher.

Let the churches of our Association increase their prayers and contributions for the promotion of the noble work of the Home Mission Board.

J. A. STRADLEY,
R. K. DANIEL,
S. C. HUMPHRIES,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, The Report on Foreign Missions was made the special order for 10 30 o'clock Thursday morning, to be followed by Report on Orphanage.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported Revs. J. M. White and J. D. Newton to preach at the stand Thursday morning.

Rev. J. D. Newton, of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, was introduced by the Moderator.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9 30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 16.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. D. Newton.

On motion Rev. J. D. Newton was allowed ten minutes to state the claims of Concord church. A collection of $8.58 was taken up at the stand for Concord church.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins read and discussed the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

God's word declares that without the Gospel the heathens are hopelessly lost, and that it is the imperative duty of believers to send the glad tiding to

all the nations of the earth. It appears that many of the pastors and churches in the Flat River Association having never discovered such grave facts in the Scriptures, have acted accordingly. It gives your committee, nevertheless unfeigned joy to report that on the part of the majority of our churches, there is a decided increase in the contributions to Foreign Missions during the present associational year.

Five young men have been approved by the Foreign Mission Board for foreign fields from North Carolina, and others are preparing for the glorious work of declaring the Gospel to the regions beyond. We rejoice to know that from our own Association God has called to the Foreign work our beloved brother, Geo. T. Watkins, a young man of profound piety and great promise. A survey of the Foreign Mission work presents great encouragement. "The whole world is now open to the reception of the Gospel. The Bible is printed in two hundred and fifty different languages and dialects. There are 150,000,000 copies in circulation. The number of missionary societies is ten-fold what it was eight years ago. The number of converts is nearly fifty-fold. The increase in membership in heathen lands is thirty times greater than at home in proportion to the number of ministers employed, and yet there is need of a movement more deep and wide, more earnest and self denying, more bold and aggressive than anything that has yet been attempted, to reach the mighty generations abroad-- the one thousand million souls who are dying in Christless despair at the rate of one hundred thousand a day,

C. A. JENKINS,
Chairman Committee.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway offered the following amendment to the report:

RESOLVED, That with the concurrency of the Foreign Mission Board, the Flat River Association adopt Bro. G. T. Watkins as her missionary and pledge herself to support him at the Seminary and on the foreign field.

The amendment was discussed by Rev. J. A. Stradley, Dr. C. T. Bailey and Rev. J. S. Hardaway, and the report adopted as amended.

The report on Orphanage was read by Rev. J. W. Watson and discussed by Rev. H. W. Battle.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE:

Christ came into this world to minister and not to be ministered unto. He gave His life for the poor. He became poor that we through Him might be made rich. We, the followers of Christ, should minister unto the poor and needy—the fatherless. God says that the poor shall never cease in the land and commands us to gather together the tithes of all our increase that the

fartherless may come, eat and be satisfied, that He may bless us and whatever we undertake may prosper.

There are numbers of Baptist orphans all over the land, who are needing homes, food and clothing.

There is being built for them a home at Thomasville. For the support and maintenance of this great and glorious work, God commands us to open wide our hands. If necessary "sell what we have and give to the poor."

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WATSON,
Chairman Committee.

Adopted.

On motion a collection was taken up for the Orphanage.

The committee appointed to settle with Bro. J. H. Lassiter for the money borrowed for the Flat River Orphange Building, reported as follows:

Report of committee appointed to settle the account of Bro. J. H. Lasiter against the Association for money borrowed.

Flat River Association,

1887	To J. H. LASSITER		DR.
Oct. 10,	To Cash to J. H. Mills,		$500,00
" " " "	pd. Telegram		40
Dec. 1,	" discount on Check		25
1888			
July 26,	" Interest		31 77
			$532.42
1887		CR.	
Nov. 8,	By Cash of G. W. Wright	$ 52.25	
Dec. 1,	" Dr. Hufham's check	100 00	
" 2,	" Cash of Dr. Hufham	30 00	
" 12,	" " of A. C. Parham	10 00	
1888			
Jan'y. 7	" " of " "	5 00	
" 10	" " of J. A. Stradley	4 00	
July 26	" Interest	10.36	
" "	" Cash of Dr. Hufham	53 10	
" "	" Check of " "	130 10	
Aug. 7	" Cash, Henderson Baptist Church	50.00	444.81
			$87.61
Aug. 14	Cash in hand	88.92	
	Balance due Association	1.31	

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Stradley read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas the drinking of intoxicating liquors is bringing so much disgrace and trouble to our churches; Therefore we kindly recommend each of our churches to prepare a "Total Abstinence Pledge," and invite each of her members to sign it, thereby binding themselves not to drink intoxicating liquors, except strictly as a medicine, or at the communion table.

We recommend further, that occasional public meetings be held in the interest of "Total Abstinence," and that all persons who will, be requested to sign the pledge. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAM, *Ch'm'n Com.*

After being discussed by Bro. Peed and Rev. J. S. Hardaway, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer, A. C. Parham, made his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Churches.	Contingent Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Sunday Schools.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	F. R. Orphanage Building.
Amis' Chapel	$ 2 00	$ 12 75	$ 24 90	$ 6 80	$	$ 18 00	$	$ 9 00
Antioch,	2 00	8 50	10 00	11 00		4 05		33 00
Bethel,	2 00	4 00	38 83	20 15		17 40		45 00
Bethany,	1 15	10 00	3 50	4 75		3 50		
Concord,	2 00	6 00	14 25	7 50		25 05		30 05
Corinth,	2 00	6 10				6 61		12 12
Enon,	1 50	17 90	69 45	22 75		16 75		
Fellowship,	1 50							
Flat River Union,	1 50	13 30	31 05	1 50		12 55	2 15	17 90
Grassy Creek,	2 10	4 02		5 85		10 00		40 00
Henderson,	1 50	55 00	75 66	20 00		124 00		50 00
Hester's,	2 00	3 10	26 25	11 60		81 95		50 00
Island Creek,	2 50	13 00	78 23	5 33		36 00		67 50
Mill Creek,	2 00	18 45	27 35	7 00		14 17		17 75
Mountain Creek,	2 00	13 07	34 00	16 21		16 10		37 50
Mt. Zion,	2 00	50 75	379 55	39 25	5 86	384 65	65 00	
Mt. Harmony,	1 10		6 70	50				
Mary's Chapel,	50			1 50				
New Light,	2 25							
Oxford,	2 00	48 90	121 07	19 86		27 50	14 00	50 00
Olive Branch,	1 75		4 37			4 38		17 80
Olive Grove,	1 00						25	
Pleasant Grove,	2 00							
Providence,	1 32	7 28						
Poplar Creek,	2 25	5 70	68 75	13 00		68 50	29 30	67 25
Roxboro,	2 00	17 25	23 50	7 25		10 00		25 00
Rock Spring,	50					5 16		
State Line,	1 68	4 34	3 42			6 15		21 20
Sassafras Fork,	1 50	5 00	23 68	5 00		17 20		20 50
Tally Ho,	1 84	2 00	10 50			26 90		14 55
	$51 44	$326 41	$1075 01	$226 80	$ 5 86	$886 57	$110 70	$626 12
Cash col., at Ass.,						15 80	10 23	
						$902 37	$120 93	

Dr. R. H. Marsh moved that the Treasurer pay out the money now on hand as may be desired by the contributors.

Prof. W. S. Savage, Principal of the Henderson Academy, was then introduced by the Moderator.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Stradley Rev. G. T. Watkins was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn , and Brethren T. H. Street, A. C. Parham, and Dr. R. H. Marsh delegates to the State Convention at Greensboro.

Bro. T. M. Pitman read and discussed the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Flat River Association:

Your Sunday School committee beg to say that the Sunday School is an essential feature of the work of every progressive, successful church, and that the real power and efficiency of the church is largely dependent upon the development of its members in the Sunday School. The saving truths of the gospel must be pressed home to souls—the doctrines of the christian religion must be taught as living principles entering into and forming an integral part of the character of those who accept them—the integrity of God's teachings must be preserved. Strong, well rounded christian characters must be developed in the members of our churches—that a strong and true front shall be intelligently opposed to every form of evil. No agency of the churches so supplement the work of the pastor along these lines as the Sunday School, and its importance cannot be too strongly urged upon our churches. An examination of the letters sent by the churches to this Association impresses your committee with the belief that this department of our church work is not in a healthy condition. This should be remedied as early as possible. A greater interest ought to be aroused in this work. Those who engage or are willing to engage in it ought to have opportunity for conference, exchange of views and experience. The various methods of Sunday School management, equipment and teaching ought to have careful study that those best suited for our purpose may be adopted. To this end your committee respectfully recommend the establishment of four Sunday School Institutes—two for the county of Granville, one for the county of Vance and one for the county of Person; that the Superintendents of schools in Granville county, with the Superintendent of Enon school as chairman, be a committee to meet in Oxford and arrange for the Granville Institutes; that the Vance county Superintendents, with the Superintendent of Island Creek school as chairman, be a committee to meet at Henderson and arrange for Vance Institute; that the Superintendents of the Person county schools, with the Superintendent of Mill Creek school as chairman, be a committee to meet at Roxboro and arrange for the Person Institute; that the Sunday Schools of this Association outside of these counties join that Institute most accessible to them, and that a report of the working of these Institutes be made to the next meeting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. PITMAN,

Chairman Committee.

Adopted

Rev. C. A. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the pastors and delegates in this Association be requested to bring the action of the Association respecting the support of Bro. G. T.

Watkins at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before their churches, and take collections for this purpose, forwarding the same to Treasurer F. H. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C., subject to draft of Bro. G. T. Watkins, by Oct. 1st, 1888.

Rev. C. F. Humphries offered the following

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.*

Colportage is a new work with us. The Board now has eleven colporters at work. These have all done well, and God's blessings have been upon the work. They are paid $25 per month, and they must pay their own expenses. Those who use a horse and buggy do it at their own expense. We commend this work to the churches as one of the objects to which the churches will make contributions. Help, brethren, with this good work. It is worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. HUMPHRIES,
A. W. CRABTREE,
E. H. BEACHAM,
Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Beam read the report on church letters, which was adopted.

*A collection of $7.20 was taken for this object at the stand Wednesday afternoon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Statistical and Comparative Table.

Churches.	Total Membership		Baptized.		Contributions to Benevolence.	Contributions to all Purposes.	Per capita.
	'87	'88	'87	'88	1887	1888	
Amis' Chapel	178	196		29	$ 216 45	$ 392 80	$ 54¼
Antioch,	77	86	25	17	268 00	✲ 72 55	83
Bethel,	154	161	33	7	49 05	375 46	93
Bethany,	50	65	7	16	21 03	✲ 37 90	58⅓
Concord,	100	109		8	131 05	500 30	92
Corinth,	137	126	4	3	11 06	✲ 24 33	19⅓
Enon,	94	114	2	11	158 21	423 35	1 52
Fellowship,	82	79			18 64	✲ 18 25	23
Flat River Union,	119	138	3	23	88 24	231 30	59
Grassy Creek,	277	240			58 39	✲ 162 99	68
Henderson,	101	136	5	21	801 50	1543 42	2 56½
Hester's,	198	202	3	19	126 94	✲ 172 02	85⅙
Island Creek,	188	195	7	8	158 95	✲ 239 06	1 22½
Mary's Chapel,	46	48	6	1	3 50	✲ 4 80	10
Mill Creek,	144	162	24	9	120 65	337 85	82½
Mountain Creek,	229	228	28	17	99 35	658 25	2 01
Mt. Zion,	215	236	19	16	763 88	✲ 949 61	1 39⅔
Mt. Harmony,	47	59	14	16	1 00	* 8 30	14
New Light,		170		17		* 2 25	1⅓
Oxford,	153	166	5	7	708 29	1353 53	2 52
Olive Branch,	189	195	1	16	6 25	247 50	14⅞
Olive Grove,		29		4		258 25	4⅓
Poplar Creek,	127	129		2	227 19	469 61	2 09
Providence,	63	128	10	33	4 50	233 43	10¾
Pleasant Grove,		74		4		2 00	2¾
Roxboro,	44	47	5	5	157 05	361 00	4 00
Rock Spring,	20	21	2		1 50	* 5 66	27
Sassafras Fork,	48	59	9	3	59 67	340 21	1 40
State Line,	51	61	12	6	5 66	202 74	58
Tally Ho,	140	145	15	16	59 78	* 96 84	66⅞
Total - - - -	3271	3804	239	334	$4325 86	$9725 56	$ 93

✲ Does not include pastor's salary.

On motion the following resolution was adopted, as offered by Rev. J. S. Hardaway:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS,

RESOLVED, That the grateful thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Poplar Creek Church for her elegant hospitality to us during our present session. J. S. HARDAWAY.

Bro. A. C. Parham moved that Brethren F. P. Hobgood and T. M. Pitman be appointed to prepare a blank form of church letter and send to each church and present their bill next Association.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned to the time and place adopted for next session.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

C. T. WILLSON, *Clerk*.

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch,	J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill	H. H. Nichols,	Mt Tirzah	2d " " "
Bethany,	C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford	R. C. Jones,	Moriah	2d " " "
Bethel,	J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	3d " " "
Concord,	N. S. Jones,	Raleigh	T. J. Smith,	Dutchville	2d " " "
Corinth,	C. F. Humphries,	Oxford	L. Hobgood,	Reamston	2d " " "
Enon,	C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford	F. Y. Currin,	Oxford	4th " " "
Fellowship,	J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store	T. H. Perry,	Beck	4th " " "
Flat River Union,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	M. B. Walker,	Knap of Reeds	4th " " "
Grassy Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale,	Young's X Roads	4th " " "
Henderson,	R. Van Deventer,	Henderson	J. L. H. Missillier	Heuderson	Every Sabbath.
Hester's,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	Lawson Knott,	Oxford	2d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Island Creek,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	H. T. Shanks,	Winsboro	3d " " "
Mary's Chapel,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton	J. Z. Allen,	Grissom	1st " " "
Mill Creek,	J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro	J. L. Gentry,	Mill Creek	2d " " "
Mountain Creek,	C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford	D. W. Eakes,	Oxford	3d " " "
Mt. Zion,	" "	"	J. H. Meadows,	Berea	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony,	C. F. Humphries,	"	Simeon Bumpass,	Mt. Tirzah	4th " " "
New Light,	J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store	J. A. J. Perry,	Hutchinson's Store	2d " " "
Oxford,	J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford	B. F. Taylor,	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch,	C. F. Humphries,	"	W. T. Humphries,	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove,	N. P. Stallings,	Dutchville	J. F. Bailey,	Durham	1st " " "
Poplar Creek,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	J. H. Parham,	Henderson	1st " " "
Providence,	C. F. Humphries,	"	Taylor Jackson,	Mill Creek	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove,	J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store	W. A. Hester,	Mt. Energy	
Roxboro,	J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee,	Roxboro	3d " and night.
Rock Spring,	T. W. Greer,	Woodworth	Chalmers Gordon,	Woodworth	4th " and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork,	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood,	Stovall,	2d " " "
State Line,	T. W. Greer,	Woodworth	Thos. Wilson,	Clarksville, Va.	1st " " "
Tally Ho,	R. H. Marsh,	Oxford	C. H. Washington,	Tally Ho	3d " " "

CONTRIBUTION TO BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	For Poor.	Church Extension.	Unclassified.	Bryan House.
Amis' Chapel,	$ 26 60	$ 6 25	$	$ 6 90
Antioch,		3 00		
Bethany,			15 00	
Bethel,	10 85			
Concord,				
Corinth,				
Enon;		5 00		
Fellowship,		11 25		
Flat River Union,		5 00		6 08
Grassy Creek,			89 75	
Henderson,		6 00		11 00
Hester's,	40 25	11 85	3 12	
Island Creek,			49 00	7 86
Mary's Chapel,		3 00		
Mill Creek,			50 13	
Mountain Creek,	60 00	12 41	38 00	
Mt. Zion,	9 90	12 65		
Mt. Harmony,				
New Light,				
Oxford,				16 00
Olive Branch,				
Olive Grove,				
Poplar Creek,			10 11	
Pleasant Grove.				
Providence,				
Rock Spring,				
Roxboro,		5 00	101 00	
Sassafras Fork,				5 00
State Line,				
Tally Ho,		5 00	6 00	
	$147 60	$86 51	$ 392 11	$52 84

NOTE.—Oxford gave $7 00 to Judson Memorial church.
Henderson contributed $16 69 to Oxford Orphan Asylum.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel	$200 00	$ 86 50	29	10	1	12	1		82	114	196
Antioch,			17	2		3	3	1	33	48	81
Bethany,			16	1			1		20	45	65
Bethel,	200 00	42 23	7	8		6	2		59	95	154
Concord,	150 00	250 00	8	5		2		3	34	75	109
Corinth,			3	6		14	6		40	86	126
Enon,	250 00	28 16	11	16		7		2	48	66	114
Fellowship,				2		3	1	2	24	55	79
Flat River Union,	150 00		23	1	1	1		4	34	81	115
Grassy Creek,	200 00	11 27				12	23	3	86	154	240
Henderson,	1000 00	194 57	21	32		13	2	3			136
Hester's,		15 00	19	5		15	4	2	81	121	202
Island Creek,			8	5		3	4	2	84	111	195
Mary's Chapel,			1	1			1		13	34	47
Mill Creek,	200 00	5 00	9	4	1	11	1		62	100	162
Mountain Creek,	200 00	241 46	17	3	2	6	4	3	83	145	228
Mt. Zion,			16	6	2	1	1	1	105	131	236
Mt. Harmony,			16	3		4					59
New Light,			17	2	3	2	7	2	56	114	170
Oxford,	900 00	165 28	7	16		5	1	3	64	102	166
Olive Branch,			16	9	2	7	5	2	63	132	195
Olive Grove,	50 00	2 07	4			3	1	1	11	18	29
Poplar Creek,	200 00		2	4		5	5	4	43	76	119
Providence,		125 00	33		4	4	4	1	35	65	100
Pleasant Grove,			4	2		1	1		32	42	74
Roxboro,	150 00	25 00	5	2		4			22	25	47
Rock Spring,						1			10	11	21
Sassafras Fork,	150 00	*108 50	3	9		1			27	32	59
State Line,	150 00	17 50	6	4		1			30	31	61
Tally Ho,			16	3	1	2	3	7	57	88	145
			327	161	17	159	80	46	1338	2197	3730

* Includes $100 paid on church debt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Schools	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Contributions
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler,	Buchanan,	1	7	63	$ 15 00
Antioch,	J. L. Wilkerson,	Ai,	1	8	48	
Bethel,	T. D. Woody,	Bethel Hill	3	4	*40	
Concord,	T. J. Smith, A. M. Veasey,	Dutchville Knap of Reeds,	2	13	110	23 20
Corinth,	E. C. Montague,	Oxford	1	5		
Enon,	Thos. R. Averett,	Oxford	1	5		
Flat River Union,	C. A. Peed,	Knap of Reeds,	1	6	46	
Grassy Creek,	J R. Ragsdale, J. R. Calaham,	Youngs X Roads, Noblins,	2	10	133	
Henderson,	T. M. Pittman,	Henderson	1	25	163	215 00
Hester's,			1	7	37	33 31
Island Creek,	J. G. Morgan, R. L. Dunn,	Winsboro, Winsboro,	2	14	150	12 35
Mary's Chapel,	J. A. Wheelous,	Gressom,	1	5	45	2 56
Mill Creek,	T. H. Street,	Mill Creek,	1	8	49	8 50
Mountain Creek,	J. A. Watkins,	Youngs X Roads,	1			
Mt. Zion,	J. R. Day,	Berea,	1	7	49	20 57
Mt. Harmony,			1	5	46	
Oxford,	F. P. Hobgood, F. M. Meadows,	Oxford, Oxford	1	12	150	69 95
Olive Branch,	W. T. Wilborn,	Collier,	1	5	45	
Poplar Creek,	A. C. Parham,	Oxford	1			36 00
Providence,	Jas. H. Pentecost,	Roxboro	1	6	77	5 20
Roxboro,	C. T. Willson,	Roxboro,	1	8	23	12 00
Sassafras Fork,			1	6	60	20 97
State Line,	J. G. Pittard,	Pittard,	1		70	
Tally Ho,	W. D. Thomasson,	Tally Ho	1	5	30	

* Two branch schools not included.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

By the Treasurer of Flat River Association 1888.

August 14 h, 16. Received during Association,	
Cash for Minutes,	$ 51 44
" " Ministerial Education,	70 40
" " Foreign Missions,	153 31
" " State Missions,	121 59
" " Home Missions,	56 21
" " Baptist Orphanage,	41 93
" " Flat River Building at Orphanage,	103 17
" " State Line Church,	5 00
	$603 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Cash paid Clerk,	$ 15 00	
" " " " for Minutes,	36 44	
" " " F. H. Briggs, Treas, B. S. C. for Ministerial Education,	70 40	
" " " Foreign Missions,	153 31	
" " " State Missions,	121 59	
" " " Home Missions,	56 21	
" " " Baptist Orphanage,	41 93	
" " " Flat River Building at Orphanage,	15 56	
" " " J. W. Lassiter, balance due,	87 61	
" " " Thos. Wilson, Clerk State Line Church,	5 00	
	$603 05	

A. C. PARHAM, Treas.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SASSAFRAS FORK CHURCH.

Amis' Chapel	$ 3 00	Mt. Harmony, Del.	$ 1 00
Antioch,	3 00	Mary's Chapel, Del.	2 00
Bethel,	3 00	New Light, Del.	1 50
Bethany,	1 50	Oxford,	10 00
Corinth,	1 00	Olive Branch,	2 50
Enon,	3 00	Olive Grove,	1 00
Fellowship,	1 50	Providence,	1 15
Flat River Union,	3 00	Roxboro, Del.	3 00
Grassy Creek,	3 00	State Line,	2 00
Henderson,	6 00	Tally Ho, Del.	2 00
Hester's,	5 00	Dr. C. T. Bailey,	1 00
Island Creek,	5 00	" R. H. Marsh,	1 00
Mill Creek,	3 00	Hat collection,	7 97
Mt. Zion, Del.	5 00		
Total,			$ 82 12

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

NINETY-SIXTH SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Enon Church, Granville County, N. C.,

August 13th, 14th and 15th, 1889.

T. H. STREET, Moderator, - - Mill Creek, N. C.
B. S. ROYSTER, Clerk, - - - - Oxford, N. C.
A. C. PARHAM, Treasurer, - - - Oxford, N. C.

PRESSES OF L. THOMAS,
PRINTER AND STATIONER, OXFORD, N. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

ENON CHURCH, Granville County, N. C., August 13th, 1889

Pursuant to adjournment, the Flat River Baptist Association met with Enon Church, Granville County, N. C., at 11 o'clock, A. M., August 13th, 1889. Rev. J. H. Lamberth, who was to preach the introductory sermon, requested the Rev. J. A. Speight to fill the pulpit for him, which request was complied with.

AFTER INTERMISSION.

In the absence of both the former Moderator and Clerk, the Treasurer, A. C. Parham, called the Association to order and read a Chapter from God's Holy Word. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. Van Deventer. Brother T. H. Street was requested to act as Clerk *pro-tem.* and Brothers T. M. Pittman and B. S. Royster as reading clerks.

The following Churches responded to the roll call, their letters were read and delegates enrolled.

Amis' Chappel—D. C. Frazier, R. W. Downey, A. H. Garner.
Antioch—J. L. Wilkerson, Harrison Ashley, A. T. Denny.
Bethel—J. C. Rogers, R. Woody, T. B. Hill.
Bethany—J. A. Copley, A. R. Cash, A. B. Tilley.
Concord—T. B. Lyon, W. L. Coley, J. L. Lyon.
Corinth—S. W. Knott, E. T. Pittard, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—W. H. Smith, J. M. Phipps, R. T. Critcher.
Fellowship—J. E. Beck, D. F. Lawrence, Henry O'Brient.
Flat River Union—R. Peed, D. W. Wheeler, J. L. Peed.
Grassy Creek—L. A. Royster, Jno. L. Pittard, W. T. Yancey.
Henderson—W. T. Stainback, T. J. Mitchell, T. M. Pittman.
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, R. D. Brooks, J. H. Morris.
Island Creek—R. L. Dunn, P. B. Sneed, B. T. Hicks.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street, W. T. Whitt, J. T. Dickerson.
Mountain Creek—J. A. Watkins, J. R. Hart, W. S. Eakes.
Mt. Zion—E. H. Jones, Spencer O'Brient, S. L. Howard.
Mt. Harmony—T. R. Jones, S. H. Clement, D. E. Peed.
Mary's Chapel—J. Y. Allen, J. W. Wheeloms.
Oxford—T. D. Crawford, J. R. Wilder, B. S. Royster.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall, Gabriel Jones, H. T. Drumwright.
Olive Grove—E. M. Perry, E. W. Thomas, Vinyard Wheeler.
Pleasant Grove—J. E. Jones, J. L. Smith, E. R. Jeffreys.
Providence—J. L. Reagan, J. M. Long, Parker Perkins.
Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, C. T. Ball, E. T. Parham.
Roxboro—F. L. Woody, W. T. Pass, A. R. Foushee.
Rock Spring—J. T. Harris, J. J. Watkins, W. T. Watkins.
State Line—W. S. Gordon, T. A. Royster, J. Y. Averett.
Sassafras Fork—Amos Dean, N. A. Norwood, J. W. Wilson.

The Moderator pro tem. announced that the election of officers was next in order, and the following were chosen: Moderator, T. H. Street; Clerk, B. S. Royster; Treasurer, A. C. Parham.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That a Presbytery, consisting of the Ministers of this Association, who are present, be appointed to consider the propriety of setting apart to the Gospel Ministry, Bro. Geo. T. Watkins, and if he be approved, that he be ordained at 3 o'clock, P. M. to-morrow. Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D., to act as Chairman of the Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Periodicals—J. A. Stradley, R. Peed, Jno. Phipps,

State Missions—J. A. Beam, B. F. Gentry, J. H. Bowlin.

Foreign Missions—R. Van Deventer, W. H. Smith, W. H. Meadows.

Home Missions—R. Van Deventer. A. R. Foushee, E. J. Montague.

Education—T. D. Crawford, G. W. Wright, S. Eakes.

Church Letters—J. S. Hardaway, E. H. Jones, J. R. Wilder.

Baptist Orphanage—B. S. Royster, Jno. E. Callis, A. R. Foushee.

Place and Preaching next Session—J. H. Morris, E. W. Thomas, L. Royster.

Sunday Schools—E J. Montague, S. L. Howard, J. W. Wheeler.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Enon Church.

Temperance—C. F. Humphries, R. D. Brooks, S. H. Clement.

Colportage—J. H. Lamberth, Sam'l Gordon, Amos Dean.

The visiting brethren were invited to take seats in the Association, to which invitation the following responded: Rev. A. G. McManaway, Vice-President Home Mission Board of the State; Rev. J. N. Stallings, of High Point; Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Education, from Central Association; Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board; Rev. J. A. Speight, Associate Editor *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, State Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

There was a motion to make Education the special order immediately after State Missions and Home Missions, after Education, which was adopted.

Dr. Marsh, of Committee on Flat River Orphanage Building, offered the following report:

REPORT ON FLAT RIVER ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association "to ascertain how much the Association has contributed for building a house at the Baptist Orphanage," begs to report:

That much time and patience have been given to the work, and that it is confidentially believed that the amount, $1250.00, asked of the Association

and pledged by it for a building at the Orphanage, has been contributed expressly for that object, from August, 1885, to August 1887. This amount was forwarded at sundry times, under the Resolutions of the Association, without being specially designated "for the Flat River Building." This oversight in sending the money did the donors injustice in its use for current expenses. In behalf of the donors and the Association, the authorities at the Orphanage were requested to rectify the mistake, made by us, not them, and to give the Association credit for redeeming its pledge and for paying for a Building. The question of the legal authority in allowing the claim was then raised and the whole matter was referred to the visiting Committee of the Orphanage for adjustment. The finding of said Committee was published in *Charity and Children*, Aug. 2, 1889, as follows, viz:

"FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE FLAT RIVER BRETHREN."

"The Visiting Committee passed the following resolution which we humbly trust will give satisfaction to all the brethren in this zealous body of christian workers:

"On motion, the Committee hereby acknowledges the receipt of the moneys pledged by the Flat River Association for the erection of a house known as Flat River Building, and expresses its regrets that the necessities of the Orphanage work and the fact that much of the fund was not designated to our Treasurer as a building fund by the contributors, caused the moneys to be used in paying for land and in meeting current expenses. Whenever another building may be needed, and there may be sufficient moneys available from the general fund, the Committee will cheerfully appropriate such moneys to erect a Flat River Building."

By this resolution the amount and the legality of the claim are determined, and we will get the Building when it is needed "and there may be sufficient moneys available from the general fund."

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. MARSH, Committee.

After being discussed by Brothers B. D. Howard, T. D. Crawford, T. M. Pittman, A. C. Parham, J. J. Meadows, Revs. J. H. Lamberth, C. Durham and J. S. Hardaway, the report was adopted.

Brother T. M. Pittman, of Committee to prepare and distribute a Blank form of Church Letters, submitted the following report:

That they have prepared and distributed such Blank Letters at an expense of $1.58.

Respectfully,
T. M. PITTMAN.

The Committee on Periodicals presented, through their Chairman, Rev. J. A. Stradley, the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee would with pleasure report that the *Biblical Reeorder*, the organ of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina, never was in a more hopeful condition than it is at this time. Sound in its doctrine, diversified in matter, hopeful in spirit and progressive in attitude, it appeals to the Churches for support as it never did before. The *Foreign Misston Journal*, the *Home Field*, and *Charity and Children* are worthy of patronage.

J. A. STRADLEY,
R. PEED,
JNO. PHIPPS,
Committee.

Letter from Snow Hill Church, Person county, petitioning for admission into our Association, was referred to Revs. J. A. Stradley, J. A. Beam and Brother T. M. Pittman.

Rev. J. A. Speight, in a brief and interesting manner. presented the claims of the *Biblical Recorder*.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14, 1889.

In the absence of the Clerk elect Brother J. P. Cannady was requested to act *pro-tem*. Brother Richard Peed led in devotional exercises.

Church Letter from New Light was read and Brother Dudley Peed enrolled as a delegate.

The Committee on State Missions offered the following report:

Eighty four Missionaries are now employed by the State Mission Board. These brethren are proclaiming the precious Truth in the dark and destitute portions of our State.

Fourteen Colporters are scattering religious literature and placing Bibles in homes where both Bible and Minister have hitherto been strangers. A grand and glorious work is being done. New Churches are being organized, Sunday schools established, and hundreds of souls, as we trust, have been and are being saved by the work of these consecrated and self-denying Missionaries and Colporters. Nearly all of our Missionaries have families to support and this support must come from the State Board; then the Board must be supported by the Associations, and the Associations by the Churches and the Churches by each member. Thus you see that the greatest and the least have a part in this grand work. Then why make the mistake that,all people are so highly favored as we, who have Churches and Sunday Schools almost at our door, or at least in reach of us.

Thousands of our fellow beings are not thus blest and are still ignorant of their greatest need—the Gospel. Let our motto ever be "Carolina for Jesus," and let every tongue sing it, every heart pray for it, and every hand work for it, and soon from North Carolina a mighty song will rise and swell until it breaks upon the shores of other nations—The World for Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAM,
B. F. GENTRY,
J. H. BOWLIN,
} Committee.

The report was ably discussed by Revs. C. Durham, J. A. Beam, and Brother B. D. Howard, and adopted.

A cash collection for State Missions was taken which amounted to $18.70

The Committee on Education, through its Chairman, Brother T. D. Crawford, read the following report, which was discussed by Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Beam, J. N. Stallings, C. A. Jenkens, and adopted:

The people of our Association are beginning to realize the importance of Education and there is progress along the lines in this direction, though there is still room for improvement. Wake Forest College has given to our denomination, throughout the State, men of broad and cultured views, which make them equal, in point of intelligence and general usefulness, to any people in our country. Our Board of Education is doing more each year toward educating young men for the Ministry Wake Forest, together with the Seminary, are giving us an educated Ministry, which is an ornament and

honor to our Church and a blessing to the people of North Carolina. Female education is attracting greater attention than ever before. Our Schools in the State are well patronized and are doing a most satisfactory work. Within our borders we have the Oxford Female Seminary. This is an excellent School of high grade, under the control of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, assisted by Rev. C. A. Jenkens, and richly deserves the liberal patronage it is receiving. Last session the number of pupils was very much larger than any previous term, thus showing that its usefulness is being appreciated by our people.

T. D. CRAWFORD,
G. W. WRIGHT,
W. S. EAKES,
} Committee.

The Presbytery, to consider the propriety of setting apart to the Ministry Brother G. T. Watkins, report that they find the candidate worthy, and well qualified for the work, and that he will be ordained this evening at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned 'till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, then prayer by Rev. E. J. Montague. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions offered the following report:

We are glad to be able to report an increase in the contribution over the last year. Thirteen of the Churches of the Association have increased their gifts; eight Churches have given less than last year. The Home Board is doing work in seventeen States in this Southland, among our own people. The Board calls upon us to help do this needed work. The Home Board desires to give the Gospel to the foreign population, that is flooding our land. The great need among them is the Gospel; this can be done only as the Churches will help. The money spent in this work in the past has been wisely invested. More than 10,000 have been added to the Church in the past year; 328 Churches organized and 58 Churches built. The work in Cuba continuos to grow in interest and power. We commend, as a means of aid to the Board, the circulation of the *Home Field*.

R. VAN DEVENTER,
E. J. MONTAGUE,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
Committee.

Rev. A. G. McManaway, who gives much of his time to this work, favored the Association with an interesting discussion of this subject. Brother T. D. Crawford told of the work of Dr. Diaz, in Cuba, which was very encouraging and satisfactory. The report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from Snow Hill Church, asking for admission into our Association, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee report that we have examined into the manner of the Church's organization and the articles of her faith and find that they are in keeping with the Baptist faith and practice. We therefore recommend that this Church be recognized as a member of this Association

J. A. STRADLEY,
T. M. PITTMAN,
J. A. BEAM,
Committee.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the pastor, Rev. E. Montague, and to delegates W. T. Murray and D. A. Pittard.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, Foreign Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Dr. Marsh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, we. as an Association are nearing the close of our first century and that through all this time we have been making important history, and whereas, it is desirable that the personal history of the good men and women in our Church who have gone before us, and the facts in the work and struggles of the Church be collected and printed in some suitable form.

Therefore, be it resolved:—That Rev. R. I. Devin be requested and urged to undertake this important work, and that he be requested to report the progress made to each annual meeting of this body.

Resolved further, That the brethren of the Association be requested to co-operate with Brother Devin in collecting the necessary material for said history.

The hour for the ordination of Brother G. T. Watkins having arrived, the Association adjourned to the arbor, where the services were conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh in his usual graceful and impressive manner. Rev. R. I. Devin, led in prayer; Rev. A. G. McManaway delivered the charge to Brother Watkins, which was full of valuable and useful information and advice. Rev. C. A. Jenkens, in very appropriate terms, presented to him a Bible.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1889.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway read the 84th Psalm and offered prayer.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Stradley, the regular order of business was deferred for half an hour. He then introduced Rev. N. S. Cobb from Judson College, who gave an interesting account of this institution, which is under the patronage of the Western North Carolina Convention. Dr. R. H. Lewis is its present President.

The Moderator requested the roll of Churches called and the following failed to answer: Amis' Chapel, Antioch, Bethel, Corinth, Concord, Fellowship, Grassy Creek, Mt. Harmony, New Light, Olive Grove, Providence, Pleasant Grove, Roxboro, Rock Spring, Sassafras Fork, Tally Ho.

Minutes of Wednesday's proceedings were read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, Brother T. D. Crawford was requested to furnish the *Biblical Recorder* with a copy of his address on the Mission work in Cuba.

Brother W. T. Stainback, of Henderson Church, was enrolled as a delegate.

The Committee on Place and Preaching next Session offered the following report which was adopted :

The next meeting of the Flat River Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, Granville County, North Carolina, on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, 1890. The introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. A. Beam.

J. H. MORRIS,
E. W. THOMAS,
L. H. ROYSTER,
Committee.

The hour set apart for Foreign Missions having arrived, the following report was read and adopted :

This is the greatest period of Missionary activity since the first century. The Gospel is still in demand and the providence of God bids us go forward. No State in the South has been more highly honored in this work than North Carolina. Thirty Missionaries from this State are at work in the foreign fields, nineteen of them under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, but if we are to meet the demands of the day there must be a large increase in our liberality. The Gospel is spreading in heathen lands. While other religions increase no faster than the increase in the population, the Gospel is increasing at the ratio of sixty four per cent. We cannot survey the field without seeing signs of encouragement. In view of these facts :

Resolved, That we, as an Association, work more earnestly for the spread of the Gospel ; that we pray more for the success of the Missionaries and native workers ; that we give more of our means ; that we try to raise $800. this Association year for Foreign Missions.

R. VAN DEVENTER.
W. H. SMITH,
W. A. MOLONE,
Committee.

Revs. R. Van Deventer, G. T. Watkins, J. S. Hardaway and Dr. R. H. Marsh made interesting, able and instructive speeches upon this subject.

A cash collection was taken and the Churches called upon to signify how much they were willing to pledge to make up the deficit of last years contribution to this work. The amount secured was $147.49.

The Treasurer presensed his report, which was adopted with the thanks of the Association to him for his valuable services.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing, then prayer by Brother T. M. Pittman.

The Committee on Church Letters offered a report, which, after being discussed by Brother T. M. Pittman, Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Beam and R. H. Marsh, D. D., was referred to the clerk for revision.

The Commistee on Orphanage, through its Chairman, read the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no need for this Committee to urge the importance of supporting the Orphanage. The increased contributions this year, the payment of our subscriptions to the Flat River Building, the great enthusiasm which its needs always enlist, whenever and wherever they are urged, all speak in more emphatic terms than anything your Committee could possibly say; at the same time we would urge you not to forget that the Bible tells us that a large part of "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is to visit the fatherless in their affliction." We should visit them with our prayers and our means; we owe it to our living poor, we owe it to our sainted brethren, dead and gone, we owe it to our God, whom we profess to serve, not to allow Orphan children of Baptists to be cared for by other denominations or to be brought up in ignorance of our doctrine. We should care for them ourselves and rear them in our faith. Your Committee recommends, that the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage be requested and urged to set aside, at the very earliest opportunity, from the funds of the Orphanage, the amount of money which we have already paid for our Flat River Building, and appropriate the same for the construction of said building. Unless this is done very soon, we fear the zeal of many of our brethren will be greatly diminished, and the Orphanage suffer in consequence. Above all, let the Churches in our Association increase their prayers and contributions for the support of this noble object of charity.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. ROYSTER,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
J. E. CALLIS,
Committee.

The Committee on Colportage handed in the following report, which was read by the Clerk:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee is of the opinion that a great self-sustaining work can be done in our bounds by a wise and judicious system of Colportage. We greatly need more Baptist literature to be circulated among the Churches, and therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee to take this matter in hand, confer with the State Board and prosecute the work on a self-sustaining basis. We would name as a suitable committee, Brethren J. A. Stradley, T. D. Crawford, B. D. Howard, Geo. W. Wright and Geo. W. Watkins.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBERTH,
AMOS DEAN,
SAM'L HOWARD,
Committee.

The report after being discussed by Dr. Marsh and Rev. J. A. Stradley, who offered many valuable suggestions relative to the work of Colportage in our Association, was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Committee recommended in the report on Colportage and requested them to act at once in this important work.

The following report was read by the Chairman of the Committee on Temperance:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, the drinking of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is causing so much trouble in our Churches and bringing such a disgrace upon the cause of Christ: Therefore, we sincerely recommend, and would urge the Churches

to use all the means in their power to check and finally conquer this great and growing evil.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. HUMPHRIES,
Chairman Committee.

Rev. J. A. Stradley, in strong terms, moved the adoption of the report, which motion prevailed.

Letter from Fairport Church, thanking the Association for its aid, through Brother Gordon's work, in raising funds to build a new Church, was read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, the Moderator appointed Rev. R. Van Deventer as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Beam and Brother B. D. Howard, as delegates to the State Convention.

The Committee on Sunday School Institutes offered a verbal report of the work for the past year and recommended that this feature of Sunday School work be encouraged.

Their report was adopted and the Committee was continued with the request to report at our next meeting.

Dr. Marsh spoke in fitting terms of the hospitality of the Brethren of Enon Church and concluded his remarks by offering the foling resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote :

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the grateful thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Enon Church for her elegant hospitality to us during our present session.

R. H. MARSH.

The Clerk was allowed a fee of fifteen dollars and directed to use the balance of the minute fund in printing the minutes of this meeting.

There being no other business, the Association, after prayer by Rev. J. A. Stradley, adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Church, Granville County, N. C., on Tuesday. after the second Sunday in August, 1890.

T. H. STREET, Moderator.

B. S. ROYSTER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Education	Orphanage.	G. T. Watkins.	Membership.	Baptized.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Dism'd. by Letter.	Died.	Excluded	Per capita including Pastors Salary and Ch. expenses.	Per capita for Benevolence.	Total Contributions Including Pastors Salary.
Amis' Chappel,	200 00	139 91	8 90	9 06	15 00	13 31	10 00	15 19	6 32	181	14	.	20	4	1	2 31	43	419 44
Antioch,	. . . .	. . .	6 00	8 75	7 25	12 00	7 00	20 15	6 00	73	3	1	10	2	4	. .	78	*57 15
Bethany,	. . . .	. . .	13 52	. . .	. . .	3 12	. . .	2 00	. .	59	. .	1	.	3	3	. .	30	*18 04
Bethel,	200 00	10 00	35 00	10 25	29 00	12 15	53 00	15 18	9 45	166	16	6	1	4	6	2 24	1 04	374 03
Concord,	150 00	. . .	25 00	6 05	13 35	10 00	. . .	.	. . .	103	2	.	.	.	1	1 98	52	204 40
Corinth,	100 00	15 85	26 05	.	11 50	6 65	. .	. .	.	121	. .	5	6	5	1	1 32	36	160 05
Enon,	250 00	38 36	23 25	18 55	25 90	12 75	19 52	15 87	. . .	107	. .	3	8	.	2	3 77	1 10	404 20
Fellowship,	100 00	2 50	. . .	2 00	2 00	2 00	. .	. .		84	8	.	2	.	.	1 29	10	108 50
Flat River Union,	150 00	2 35	6 65	6 00	5 28	1 15	11 20	8 36	. . .	138	. .		1	3	1	1 39	29	190 99
Grassy Creek,	200 00	12 00	12 21	5 20	5 28	7 24	5 52	6 12	14 75	215	. .	2	23	2	7	1 24	26	268 32
Henderson,	1000 00	257 48	748 21	25 04	82 04	93 85	25 00	97 90	. . .	154	18	20	15	3	2	17 55	9 39	2704 27
Hester's,	. . .	27 50	61 48	7 00	7 00	7 00	1 00	3 40		186	2	14	23	2	2	. . .	49	*114 38
Island Creek,	200 00	60 00	27 30	10 00	31 60	25 95	14 41	8 62	6 00	218	32	2	13	3	3	1 80	56	383 88
Mill Creek,	200 00	5 00	. . . .	15 00	15 00	16 27	8 35	21 45	. . .	155	2	6	7	.	2	1 86	54	289 24
Mountain Creek,	200 00	86 00	. . . .	7 84	13 45	13 50	13 31	. . .	. . .	228	23	3	12	5	5	1 46	29	334 10
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New Light,	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	.	160	6	1	1	2	8	. . .	. .	. . . .
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Olive Branch,	125 00	59 75	. . .	3 10	3 00	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	197	17	11	5	3	3	96	03	190 85
Olive Grove,	50 00	300 00	1 25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	30	. .	7	4	1	2	11 70	04	351 25
Poplar Creek,	200 00	12 00	40 49	14 85	41 56	30 92	7 25	29 30	4 05	120	. .	2	1	.	2	3 17	1 40	380 42
Providence,	135 00	. . .	3 23	. . .	1 71	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	127	8	1	3	2	6	1 10	03	139 94

Roxboro, ...	150	00	35	00	105	05	10	00	24	50	16	30	13	10	86	25	11	00	59	7	12	5	.	2	7	64	4	51	431	20
Rock Spring, ...	50	00	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	6	86	4	22	.	. .	.	. .	.	. .	21	.	.	.	.	.	2	90		52	61	08
State Line, ...	150	00	.	. .	62	21	4	32	3	81	6	92	3	40	2	35	5	25	78	19	.	.	.	1	2	92	1	00	228	46
Sassafras Fork, . . .	150	00	95	00	40	27	7	50	13	50	8	06	7	00	.	. .	.	. .	91	8	28	.	1	.	3	53		83	321	33
Tally Ho, ...	175	00	.	. .	56	00	8	42	5	73	2	25	8	60	4	65	.	. .	144	.	.	8	7	3	2	1	81		60	260	65
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* Does not Include Pastors Salary.

* Includes "Slaughter Fund."

TREASURERS REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	EDUCATION		F. MISSIONS		STATE MISSIONS		H. MISSIONS.		ORPHANAGE.	
		Cash rec'd.	Cash forw.	Cash rec'd.	Cash fowd.	Cash rec'd	Cash forwd.	Cash rec'd.	Cash forwd.	Cash rec'd.	Cash forwd.
Amis' Chapel,	1 50		10 00		15 00		13 31		9 06		15 19
Antioch,	1 85	7 00		1 25	6 00	12 00		2 75	6 00		8
Bethel,	2 00		53 00	4 00	29 00	12 15			10 25	1 25	15 18
Bethany,	60					3 12				2 00	
Concord,	2 00				13 35		10 00		6 25		
Corinth,	50			5 50	6 00		6 65				
Enon,	1 50		19 52	47 65		12 75		18 55		2 10	13 77
Fellowship	1 50			2 00		2 00		2 00			
Flat River Union,	1 00		11 20		5 28				6 00		8 36
Grassy Creek,	1 15		5 52	5 28			7 24	3 20	2 00		6 12
Henderson	2 50		25 00		82 04		93 08		25 04		97 00
Hester's	1 55		9 25	11 00		6 05		6 00		2 85	
Island Creek,	2 00		14 41		31 60		25 95		10 00		8 62
Mill Creek,	2 00		8 35		15 00		16 27		15 00	21 45	
Mountain Creek,	1 50		13 31		13 45		13 50		7 34		
Mount Zion,	1 80	33 40		260 00		217 21			14 75	10 00	34 05
Mount Harmony,	1 00	1 00		2 00						1 00	
Mary's Chappel,	50			70		75				10	
New Light,	1 00										
Oxford,	2 00		21 00		87 57		33 34		39 40		43 63
Olive Branch,	1 70			3 00				3 10			
Olive Grove,	1 25										

Pleasant Grove,	1 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....	
Providence,	.....	.....	.....	1 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Poplar Creek,	1 50	7 25	.....	33 22	8 54	30 92	.....	14 85	.....	31 30	.....	
Roxboro,	2 00	.....	13 10	4 00	20 50	.....	16 30	.....	10 00	36 25	30 00	
Rock Spring	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 86	.....	4 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	
State Line,	1 50	.....	3 40	.....	3 81	.....	6 92	.....	4 32	.....	.....	
Sassafras Fork,	1 50	.....	7 00	.....	13 50	.....	8 06	.....	7 50	.....	.....	
Tally Ho,	1 00	1 10	7 50	7 44	.....	2 25	.....	3 42	.....	4 65	.....	
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Cash Collected at Association,					5 05	18 70						
					368 35	317 89						

Forwarded from Flat River Union Sunday School, ... $4 50

Total Amount Forwarded and Cash on hand, ... $2 202 85

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICES, AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. W. Chandler	Buchanan	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. A Beam	Bethel Hill	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	R. C. Jones	Moriah	" " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries.	Bethel Hill	Third " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	T. J. Smith	Dutchville	Second " " "
Corinth	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	" " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	F. Y. Currin.	Oxford	Fourth " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Sto	T. H. Perry	Beck	" " " "
Flat River Union.	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds.	Sec. Sunday evening and even. before
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale.	Adoniram	Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Henderson	R. Van Deventer.	Henderson	T. J. Mitchell	Henderson	Every Sunday.
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Third " " " "
Mill Creek	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek.	Second " " " "
Mountain Creek.	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	Oxford	Third " " " "
Mt Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	S. Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah	Fourth " " " "
Mt. Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Berea	First " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Sto	W. A. Hester	Mt. Energy	" " " " "
Mary's Chapel	W. A. Barrott	Franklinton	J. Z. Allen.	Grissom	" " " " "
New Light.	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Sto	J. A. J. Penny	Hutchinson's Sto	Second " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin.	Oxford	Every Sunday, morning and night.
Olive Branch	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	W. T. Humphries	Collier	Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Grove	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Sto	E. W. Thomas.	Roger's Store	Third Sunday.
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence	C. F. Humphries.	Oxford	T. Jackson	Mill Creek	" " " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Fourshee.	Roxboro	Third Sunday, morning and night.
Rock Spring.	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	C. Gordan	Woodworth	Third Sunday evening, and 5th Sunday
State Line.	T. W. Greer.	Clarksville, Va	C. S. Gordan	Soudan, Va	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Stovall	Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Snow Hill	E. I. Montague				
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford	C. H. Washington	Stem	Third Sunday and Saturday before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Post Office.	Schools.	No. Teachers	No. Pupils.	Constitutions.
Amis' Chapel. . .	M. D. Harris, . .	Buchanan, . . .	1	4	60	1 75
Antioch, ...	J. L. Wilkerson, . .	Roxboro, ...	.	.	. .	6 00
Bethany, .	R. C. Jones, ...	Moriah. .	1	3	30	. . .
Bethel, . . .	T. D. Woody, . . .	Bethel Hill.	1	3	83	6 00
Concord, . . .	T. J. Smith, } A. M. Veazey, }	Lyonsville. . Knap of Reeds. . .	2	13	110	. . .
Corinth, .	J. B. Elliott, . . .	Reamston.	1	4	35	. . .
Enon, ...	J. F. Currin, ...	Oxford.	1	4	60	21 75
Grassy Creek, . .	L. A. Royster	Adoniram.	1	4	69	5 20
Henderson, . . .	T. M. Pittman . .	Henderson. . .	1	17	176	372 25
Hester's, . . .	J. H. Morris . . .	Oxford.	1	6	67	50 24
Island Creek,	R. L. Dunn, } J. G. Morgan, }	Williamsboro. . .	2	12	150	12 00
Mill Creek, . . .	T. H. Street, . .	Mill Creek. . . .	1	5	55	. . .
Mountain Creek, .	J. A. Watkins, . . .	Youngs X Roads. .	1	6	61	. . .
Mt. Harmony, .	D. E. Peed, . . .	Mt. Tirzah, ...	.	.	. .	5 00
Mt. Zion, ...	J. J. Meadows, . . .	Berea.	1	5	61	29 79
Mary's Chapel, .	J. W. Wheeloms, . .	Grissom. . . .	1	4	81	10 00
New Light, ...	L. A. Wilson, .	New Light. . . .	1	5	55	. . .
Oxford, ...	F. P. Hobgood, .	Oxford.	1	11	192	80 00
Olive Branch, . .	W. G. Welburn, . .	Mill Creek. . .	1	4	40	4 00
Poplar Creek, . .	A. C. Parham, . . .	Oxford.	1	7	45	24 98
Providence, .	J. H. Pentecost, .	Roxboro.	1	6	50	3 23
Roxboro, ...	W. W. Kitchin. . .	Roxboro.	1	7	34	20 50
Sassafras Fork, . .	M. L. Traylor,	Stovall. . . .	1	9	65	12 50
Tally Ho, ...	W. D. Thomasson, .	Stem. . . .	1	4	35	15 75

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Treasurer of Flat River Association.

RECEIPTS.

Cash for Minutes, ...	$ 43 90
Cash for Ministerial Education, ...	49 75
Cash for Foreign Mission, . .	393 80
Cash for State Missions, . .	317 89
Cash for Home Missions,	56 67
Cash for Baptist Orphanage,	105 42
	$967.43

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid Clerk, ...	$ 15 00
By cash paid for minutes, . . .	28 90
I. D. Baushall, for Ministerial Education, ...	49 75
Foreign Missions, ...	393 80
State Missions, ...	317 89
Home Missions, ...	56 67
Baptist Orphanage, ...	105 42
	$967 43

A. C. PARHAM, Treasurer,

HOME MISSION REPRESENTATIVES.

H. H. Nichols, Mt. Tirzah, N. C.
W. C. Rogers, Oak Hill, N. C.
Ruffin Woody, Bethel Hill, North Carolina.
William Malone, Moriah, North Carolina.
E. C. Coley, Lyonsville, North Carolina.
John B. Elliott, Reamston, North Carolina.
J. F. Currin, Oxford, North Carolina.
B. F. Lawrence, Beck, North Carolina.
E. H. Veazey, Knapp of Reeds, North Carolina
Robert Hester, Youngs X Roads, North Carolina.
J. W. Puritoy, Henderson, North Carolina.
C. E. Allen, Grissom, North Caroiina.
R. W. Hobgood, Oxford, North Carolina.
R. B. Morgan, Williamsboro, North Carolina.
T. H. Street, Mill Creek, North Carolina.
J. W. Peed. Centre Grove, North Carolina.
Jno. A. Watkins, Youngs X Roads, North Carolina.
M. Blalock, Berea, North Carolina.
Dudley Peed, Rogers' Store, North Carolina.
J. P. Stovall, Buchanan, North Carolina.
E. M. Perry, Roger's Store, North Carolina.
Miss Flora Hunt, Oxford, North Carolina.
C. T. Ball, Dabney, North Carolina.
J. L. Smith, Tar River, North Carolina.
Mrs. George Buchanan, Roxboro, North Carolina.
A. R. Foushee, Roxboro, North Carolina.
C. H. Washington, Stem, North Carolina.
J. D. Pittard, Bullock, North Carolina.
N. A. Norwood, Stovall, North Carolina.
Miss Sallie Montague, Allensville, North Carolina.
Chalmers Gordon, Woodsworth, North Carolina.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. W. Atkinson, Hutchinson's Store, North Carolina.
" J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill, North Carolina.
" W. A. Barrot, Franklinton, North Carolina.
" T. W. Greer, Clarksville, Virginia.
" J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, North Carolina.
" T. J. Horner, Henderson, North Carolina.
" C. F. Humphreys, Oxford, North Carolina.
" C. A. Jenkens, Oxford, North Carolina.
" N. S. Jones, Raleigh, North Carolina.
" J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro, North Carolina.
" R. H. Marsh, D. D., Oxford, North Carolina.
" E. J. Montague, Dutchville, North Carolina.
" J. A. Stradley, Oxford, North Carolina
" R. Van Deventer, Henderson, North Carolina.
" G. T. Watkins, Youngs X Roads, North Carolina.

LICENTIATES:

REV. J. G. BLALOCK, Berea, N. C.

REV. W E. WARREN, Bethel Hill, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Pleasant Grove Church, Granville Co., N. C.,

Aug. 12th, 13th and 14th, 1890.

T. H. STREET, MODERATOR, - - Mill Creek, N. C.
B. S. ROYSTER, CLERK, - - - - Oxford, N. C.
A. C. PARHAM, TREASURER, - - - Oxford, N. C.

PRESSES OF L. THOMAS,
PRINTER AND STATIONER, OXFORD, N. C.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Granville Co., N. C., August 12, 1890.

The ninety-seventh session of the Flat River Baptist Association met at Pleasant Grove Church, Granville county, N. C., on Tuesday, August 12th, 1890, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. J. A. Beam preached the introductory sermon, taking as his subject, "The feeding of the multitudes by the disciples," and emphasizing particularly the text, "Give ye them to eat."

AFTER INTERMISSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. T. H. Street. Rev. J. H. Lamberth read the 133rd and 134th Psalms and offered prayer. The clerk was requested to call the roll of churches, Revs. N. S. Jones and J. A. Beam acting as reading clerks. The following churches were represented, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL: R. Amis, C. S. Chandler,* M. D. Harris.*
ANTIOCH: A. T. Denny, H. H. Nichols, Charley Ashley.
BETHEL: S. P. Gentry, J. C. Rogers,* S. C. Humphries.
BETHANY: W. A. Malone, B. V. Riggs,* W. E. Bozwell,*
CONCORD: T. B. Lyon, A. M. Veazy, Samuel Clark.
CORINTH: J. F. Usry, J. B. Elliott, E. T. Pittard.
ENON: J. M. Phipps, J. P. Cannady, R. T. Critcher.*
FELLOWSHIP: T. H. Perry, R. O. Weathers, B. F. Lawrence.*
FLAT RIVER UNION: R. Peed, M. W. B. Veazy,* S. W. Waller.
GRASSY CREEK: J. L. Pittard, T. L. Winston, T. J. Pittard.
HENDRSON: Jas. H. Lassiter, T. M. Pittman,* J. R. Thrower.*
HESTER'S: S. R. Puckett, J. B. Pruett,* N. J. Puckett.
ISLAND CREEK: J. G. Morgan, W. H. Green, G. G. Tillotson,
MILL CREEK: W. T. Street, W. O. Parham, J. J. Drumright.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: G. T. Watkins, B. F. Frazier, R. P. Blackwell.*
MT. ZION: J. G. Blalock, B. D. Howard, J. C. Currin.
MT. HARMONY: D. E. Peed,* S. Bumpass,* S. H. Clement.*
MARY'S CHAPEL: J. Z. Allen, W. H. Davis,* C. E. Allen.*
NEW LIGHT: L. B. Mangum, B. M. Medling, W. D. Peed.
OXFORD: F. M. Meadows, J. W. Hunt, L. Thomas.*
OLIVE BRANCH: B. W. Harris, C. P. Sanford,* T. S. Wilkerson*
OLIVE GROVE: E. M. Perry, T. A. Sheron, J. H. Keith.
PLEASANT GROVE: W. J. Rogers, T. M. Thomason, W. K. Adcock.
PROVIDENCE: Taylor Jackson,* S. D. Perkins,* A. B. Harris.*
POPLAR CREEK: G. W. Wright, W. N. Critcher, E. T. Parham,
ROXBORO: W. W. Kitchen,* Jno. T. Walker,* T. W. Pass,*
ROCK SPRINGS: B. F. Knott,* Jno. F. Overby, C. B. Harris.*
STOVALL: J. T. C. Norwood, Jos. S. Royster, Henry Clay.*
SNOW HILL: D. A. Pittard,* J. I. Murray,* P. G. Montague.
TALLY HO: J. P. Bratcher, C. H. Washington, T. H. Stem.*

Names marked thus * were not present during session.

The moderator announced the election of officers as the next order of business. Dr. Marsh moved "that the clerk cast the unanimous vote of the Association for Bro. T.H.Street as moderator for the ensuing session," which motion prevailed and Bro. Street was declared elected. In accepting the office he urged the members of the association to be attentive to all the business, and the churches to bestir themselves in the work in hand and be prepared to report advance steps at our next session.

B. S. Royster and A. C. Parham were unanimously chosen clerk and treasurer respectively.

The moderator announced the following committees:

STATE MISSIONS: Dr.R. H. Marsh, F. M. Meadows, S.R. Puckett.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. J. W. Atkinson, C. E. Brewer, Rufus Amis,

HOME MISSIONS: Rev. J. A. Beam, J. C. Rogers, T. B. Lyon.

PERIODICALS: B. D. Howard, J. M. Phipps, A. M. Veazy.

EDUCATION: C. A. Jenkens, J. H. Hutchinson, J. F. Usry.

THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE: Rev. R. VanDeventer, B. F. Lawrence, J. L. Pittard.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION: J. G. Blalock, S. W. Waller, G. W. Wright.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Rev. N. S. Jones, J. G. Morgan, S. Bumpass.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. J. A. Stradley, R. Peed, Z. W. Wheelus.

COLPORTAGE: A. T. Denny, T. S. Wilkerson, T. Jackson.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES: Pastor and Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church.

CHURCH LETTERS: Rev. J. H. Lamberth, Rev. G. T. Watkins, W. N. Critcher.

Letter from Peace Chapel asking to be admitted to this Association was read, also a letter of dismission from Central Association. Motion to accept the application and church letter was adopted. After reading the church letter, Bros. H. F. Jeffress, N. B. Dickerson and H. Harris were enrolled as delegates. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Association, and the following responded to the invitation and were recognized by the Moderator: Dr. C. E. Taylor, President Wake Forest College; Prof. C. E. Brewer, of Central Association; Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Pilot Mountain Association; Rev. J. A. Speight, Associate Editor Biblical Recorder; Rev. J. B. Richardson, of Liberty Association; Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board; and Bro. J. R. Hunter, of Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. S. F. Conrad spoke in the interest of a Church which is being built at Walnut Cove, and asked that the members of Flat River Association contribute something toward this object. Dr.

Durham and Rev. J. A. Speight testified relative to the grand work being done by him in erecting church buildings and spreading the Gospel. On motion of Dr. Marsh, Rev. J. B. Richardson was allowed ten minutes to present the claims of a church at Ore Hill in Chatham county. Rev. R. VanDeventer moved the appointment of a committee of three on "Order of Business." The motion was adopted and the Moderator named Revs. R. VanDeventer, J. S. Hardaway and Bro. R. Amis as the committee. Dr. Marsh and Bro. A. C. Parham offered the following resolution which was adopted:

That a committee be appointed to report the propriety of reviving our fifth Sunday meetings.

The committee consisted of Dr. Marsh, Rev. N. S. Jones and Bro. A. C. Parham. The committee on "Order of Business" recommended the following which was adopted:

PERIODICALS: 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.
STATE MISSIONS: 10 o'clock A. M. August 13th, 1890.
EDUCATION: 11 o'clock A. M. August 13th, 1890.
ORPHANAGE: 12 o'clock M. August 13th, 1890.

The Chairman of the committee on Periodicals read the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee recommend the "Biblical Recorder" as the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is a paper that should have a place in the home of every Baptist in this Association and the State. We recommend "Charity and Children," and urge those of our brethren, who do not take it, to subscribe at once, thereby aiding the little Orphans at Thomasville. We recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" to the members of the Association, and urge its patronage.

B. D. HOWARD,
A. M. VEAZY, } Committee.
J. M. PHIPPS,

This report after being discussed by Rev. J. A. Speight, Rev. R. VanDeventer, Bro. B. D. Howard and others was adopted. The committee on Religious Exercises offered a report which was adopted. After benediction by Rev. J. S. Hardaway the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, August 13th, 1890.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock, by Moderator Street. Singing "Nearer my God to Thee," and devotional exercises conducted by Dr. C. E. Taylor, who read third chapter of Colossians and offered prayer. Before the hour for special order arrived the Moderator instructed the Clerk to read the Constitution and Laws of the Association. Calling of roll and reading proceedings of Tuesday's session were omitted on account of the absence of the Clerk elect. The hour for special order having arrived the following report on State Missions was read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Christ's Churches are missionary bodies. They are organized with the authority and design of "Going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature." "State Missions" is the united effort of the Churches to give the Gospel to the destitute of our State. By "destitute" we mean all the persons and places that are without a knowledge of the Truth, as it is held and taught by the Baptists in their Bible-faith and practice. "State Missions" with us means "North Carolina for Christ, one Lord, one faith and one baptism for North Carolina."

In this department of Church work God has signally blessed the Baptists of the State. "Boasting is excluded, but gratitude is in order;" so we say that our numbers and efficiency have been increased five fold during the past twenty-five years. To-day the Baptists outnumber the combined membership of all the other denominations of the State. The North Carolina Baptist Almanac, in its approximate statistics, gives 521,611 as the sum total of all the members in every denomination in North Carolina. In the Missionary Baptist Churches the number claimed is 287,011, 26,206 more than all the other denominations, of every name and faith put together. But our forces and influence are unequally distributed. Besides numerous villages and towns along the lines of the new railroads, there are twenty-five counties of the State wholly or partially destitute of Baptist preaching. This is the field to be occupied, and the work consists in establishing Missions, and in strengthening feeble churches. During the past Conventional year operations were conducted on the financial basis of $12,614.87; but at Henderson the Convention said "We ought to trust the Lord to guide, and the churches to come to our aid and undertake greater things than ever before," and recommended that our work this year should be arranged on the enlarged basis of $15,000. In the beginning of the year financial depression was felt and feared, but our leaders in the work are boldly trusting the Lord and the Churches to do a grand work in State Missions. Already an advance on last year's work, up to August, has been made by $1,558 76 in the way of collections. Our Association agreed to undertake to raise $800 this year. We have paid during the associational year $725.75, an increase of $39.50 over last year. During the present year 93 missionaries have been employed, many for their whole time and some for a part only. Among the number is Rev. J. A. Stradley, one-fourth of whose time is given to Rock Spring, at a salary of $60.00. In a word we report our State Mission work well managed, growing and more and more hopeful and encouraging year by year. "'The field is the world'—'Beginning at Jerusalem'."

R. H. MARSH,
F. M. MEADOWS,
S. R. PUCKETT,
} Committee.

Dr. R. H. Marsh, Dr. C. Durham, Rev. J. S. Hardaway, Rev. W. E. Warren, Rev. J. A. Stradley, and Bros. John Rogers and A. C. Parham, all made talks on State Mission and the report was adopted.

It being now the hour appointed for Education to be considered, the committee read their report which was adopted.

REPORT OF EDUCATION.

We rejoice in the increased interest of our people in the matter of Education. There is perhaps no Southern State in which better educational facilities are found than in North Carolina. Our own Wake Forest College is, in all likelihood, the leading Baptist College south of Masons & Dixon's line. It enrolled last session 206 students, of whom quite a number were young ministers, 29 of them receiving aid from the Board. Thirty-five brethren have been received by the Board for the coming year. We heartily urge upon the Churches the importance and necessity of contributing largely and regularly to the aid of our young preachers, as they struggle to prepare themselves for future work. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., is an institution of which we, and, indeed, the entire South may justly be proud. Let us sustain it by giving of our means to its needs. Of Female Colleges, we have quite a number, doing excellent work. Of these, the Oxford Female Seminary, already markd by a brilliant career, has peculiar claims upon us. Prof. N. Penick, of Virginia, has purchased the property, and has flattering prospects for the coming session. The school at Bethel Hill is in a flourishing condition, under the management of Rev. J. A. Beam. 93 students were in attendance last session, 7 of them studying for the ministry.

C. A. JENKENS,
J. H. HUTCHINSON,
J. F. USRY,
} Committee.

Dr. Taylor spoke in the interest of Wake Forest; Prof. N. Penick presented the claims of Oxford Female Seminary; Dr. R. H. Marsh and Rev. J. H. Lamberth made talks in the interest of Ministerial Education at Wake Forest College; Bro. Crudup spoke in behalf of High Point Female College.

After benediction by Rev. J. H. Lamberth the Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "Am I soldier of the cross," the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered prayer. The subject of Education was again taken up, and talks were made by Rev. R. VanDeventer, Rev. J. A. Beam and Bro. J. R. Hunter. Prof. L. W. Bagley, of Littleton High School, was introduced and recognized by the Moderator. Report on Orphanage was read by the committee,and after being discussed by Revs. R. VanDeventer and J. H. Mills was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

At present there are 127 children at the Orphanage. Here they find a home in its five dwelling houses, each house being under the direction of a competent teacher and matron. Every year the Orphanage farm becomes a larger factor in the support of the children. A course of study is pursued as regularly as circumstances will allow, thus fitting the children for future life. The religious condition of the Institution is healthy; one-fourth of the children are professing Christians. There is now a regular pastor at the Institution. Since last report the Nursery has been completed, which provides a home for the younger children. Porches have been added to the Biggs and Watson buildings, thus adding to their comfort and convenience. The Bath House has been built, which will greatly increase the comfort, health and pleasure of the children. Money is in hand to build an Infirmary. Charity and Children grows in popularity and circulation. We recommend that our Sunday Schools make regular monthly contributions to the Institution; that each Church make an effort to secure a club of subscribers for the paper; and that the Pastors keep the Orphanage before the people and take at least one collection a year for it.

R. VANDEVENTER,
B. F. LAWRENCE,
J. L. PITTARD,
} Committee.

Cash collection of $21.36 was taken for the Orphanage.

Dr. C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh, was recognized by the Moderator, and made a brief speech in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an effort be made at this meeting of the Association to secure from the Churches the funds necessary to complete the payment due on the house of Sister C. T. Humphries. Dr. Marsh, Rev. J. S. Hardaway and Bro. T. H. Street endorsed the resolutions, and the Churches pledged their earnest efforts to raise the following amounts: Amis Chapel, $15.00; Antioch, $10.00; Bethany, $5.00; Bethel, 17.55, paid; Concord, $20.00; Corinth, $100.00; Enon, $25.00; Flat River Union, $10.00; Grassy Creek, $15.00; Henderson, $15.00; Hester's, $10.00; Island Creek, $25.00; Mill Creek, $15.00; Mt. Creek; $25.00; Mt. Harmony, $5.00; Mt. Zion, $100.00; Pleasant Grove, $10.00; Mary's Chapel, $5.00; Oxford, $100.00; Olive Branch, $20.00; Olive Grove, $5.00; Poplar Creek, $25.00; Providence, $20.00, $16.50 paid; Roxboro, $15.00; Rock Springs, $5.00; State Line, $15.00; Stovall, $20.00; Snow Hill, $5.00; Tally Ho, $10.00. Dr. Baiely subscribed $5.00 to this object. On motion of Dr. Marsh, Bros. I. N. Day, J. F. Usry, T. H. Street, J. J. Meadows and J. M. Currin were appointed a committee to look after this work.

Foreign Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

After prayer by Dr. Bailey, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, August 14th.

THURSDAY MORNING.

At 9:30 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order, and Rev. R. VanDeventer conducted devotional exercises, reading a portion of the twelth chapter of Romans, and offering prayer. Minutes of proceedings of Tuesday and Wednesday were read, corrected and adopted. Roll of Churches was called and many of the delegates failed to answer.

Foreign Missions being special order for this hour the Committee presented a report, which was adopted after discussions by Bros. Amis, Parham, Rogers, Prof. Brewer, Revs. R. VanDeventer and G. T. Watkins.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is an injunction which our Churches ought not and cannot afford to neglect or ignore. No Baptist Church can justly claim to be a true Christian body unless it is in the fullest sympathy with the cause of Missions. While this grand work, so early begun, and so vigorously prosecuted by the great Apostle to the Gentiles, now, more than ever in the history of Christian civilization, demands the most earnest efforts of all Christian hearts, it is especially incumbent upon our Baptist people to see that this great Gospel work suffer no detriment at their hands; and the Baptist Church, in this age of development and progress, that fails to contribute to so good a cause, overlooks and neglects the primary and fundamental principle of its organization. At the last meeting of this Association a resolution was passed to raise $800 during the years 1889 and 1890. The reports from the various Churches show that $1081.07 have actually been contributed. Bro. G. T. Watkins goes to the Foreign field from our Association, and it becomes us to take a greater interest in this great work.

R. AMIS,
C. E. BREWET,
J. W. ATKINSON,
} Committee.

A cash collection of $16.25 was taken for defraying the expenses of Rev. G. T. Watkins at the Theological Seminary.

Bro. Watkins was requested to visit the Orphanage, preach to the children about missions and take a collection.

The committees on Sunday Schools and Fifth Sunday meetings offered their reports as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe the Sunday School to be one of the strongest channels through which the masses are most effectually reached in early life, and by it the Gospel is wonderfully and powerfully preached. Therefore we urge that every Church have connected with it a live Sunday School. It is gratifying, indeed, to your committee, to be able to report that out of the thirty-one Churches represented at the present session of the Association, there are thirty Sunday Schools, with a membership of more than two thousand, or an average of about sixty to the Church. Nearly all these schools are kept open throughout the entire year. We find that they are financially self-sustaining, and that liberal contributions have been made to the different objects of the Association. Yet there is room for a still grander and nobler work along this line and we do most earnestly insist that all our Churches continue to bestir themselves in this grand department of Christ's kingdom

N. S, JONES,
J. G. MORGAN,
S. BUMPASS,
} Committee.

REPORT ON FIFTH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg to report that we believe great good can be accomplished by holding fifth Sunday, "Sunday School and Associational Meetings." Therefore we recommend that such meetings be held throughout our Association. We further recommend that the Churches in the Association be divided into four sections, and a meeting, composed of three delegates from each Church and two from each Sunday School, be held in each section, beginning on every Fifth Sunday and Saturday before, that may occur during any year. Each section shall elect its officers, such as Moderator, Clerk, &c., and shall meet and discuss such questions as a committee, appointed by this Association, may suggest. We further recommend that a committee of three be appointed to arrange and publish a programme for the first meeting which shall be held on the Fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August, 1890, at such places as this committee may deem best, and this programme shall apply to all the sections. We recommend that said committee be appointed for one year or until their successors are appointed.

R. H. MARSH,
N. S. JONES,
A. C. PARHAM, } Committee.

These reports were discussed by Dr. Marsh, Rev. N. S. Jones, Prof. Brewer and R. Amis, and adopted.

The Moderator appointed Dr. Marsh, Rev. C. A. Jenkens, and Bro. A. C. Parham a committee on Fifth Sunday meetings.

Report on Home Missions was next called for, and the committee read the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Nearly four hundred missionaries are employed by the Home Mission Board. Hundreds more are needed. In 1879 the Board employed thirty missionaries who baptized nine hundred and ninety-one converts. Last year three hundred and twenty-eight were employed who baptized four thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven converts. In 1879 only $14,240.00 were contributed to the Board. Last year the contributions amounted to over $152,000.00,—an average yearly increase of over $13,000.00. Since the board began work one thousand Churches have been organized and seventy-five thousand converts baptized. Most of this work has been done in the wild West, where some of our boys may go. While we have done a noble work, a far grander work lies before us. The demands for activity are greater than ever before. Thousands of Foreigners are crowding our shores and flooding our "Sunny land." With them they bring their religious, antagonistic to ours,—they are enemies to our relegion. We must give them the religion of Christ or they will give our people their destructive doctrines. Think of the destitution in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and the Island of Cuba. The thirty missionaries in Louisiana report the work as most hopeful, and yet one half of the state has not a white Baptist preacher in it. Again the great race question is beginning to claim the attention of the Board. To give the religion of Jesus is our only hope for the colored race. We earnestly ask each member of this Association to pray for this work and contribute more largely to this grand cause.

J. A. BEAM,
S. C. HUMPHQIES,
T. B. LYON, } Committee.

Revs. J. A. Beam and John S. Hardaway made speeches on the subject and the report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Marsh, all speeches were limited to 2½ minutes.

The committee on Colportage read their report which was discussed by Rev. W. E. Warren, Prof. Penick and A. T. Denny, and adopted.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

No better means, to enlighten the people on religious subjects, exist than through the Colportage work. There are people in our midst who never go to Church or Sunday School, and the only possible way to give them the Gospel is to go to them. Let us as an Association employ a man, one full of love to God and burning with zeal for the Salvation of his fellow creatures, to go into the field and work during the whole year. There is need that something be done.

Our people have remained idle in this respect too long already. Let us awake to our duty and go out and possess the land.

A. T. DENNY,
T. S. WILKERSON,
T. JACKSON,
} Committee.

Report on Temperance was next called for and Rev. J. A. Stradley read the following which was adopted:

Your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that professed Christians are spending more money for intoxicating liquors than they are giving to the support of the Gospel. We believe that Church members who visit bar rooms have destroyed their Christian influence and are a great injury to the cause of Christ. We believe that drinking Church members are doing more to encourage the liquor traffic than all others combined. We believe that the liquor traffic is the supreme curse of our nation, and that it is the fire of hell that lights up and keeps burning nearly every other evil. We believe that it is easily in the power of Christian people to greatly diminish if not entirely destroy this great curse; and that if they do not do it God will hold them to a fearful accountability for such a failure.

J. A. STRADLEY,
R. PEED,
G. W. WHEELUS,
} Committee.

Rev. J. A. Stradley and B. S. Royster called attention to the request of Peace Chapel for assistance in raising the funds necessary to complete the Church building at that place. Dr. Marsh moved that the pastors of the several Churches in the Association take collections at once for this object, and forward all amounts to Bro. A. C. Parham, Oxford, N. C. This motion prevailed and Bro. Parham was requested to receive and pay over to building committee all moneys paid to him for this purpose. The report on church letters was next read and adopted.

The Treasurer read report of moneys passing through his hands, which the Association found correct and adopted.

The committee on place and preacher for next session read the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Your committee recommend that the next session of Flat River Association be held with Mill Creek Church, Person County, N. C., on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, 1891. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. C. A. Jenkens.

J. G. BLALOCK,
S. W. WALLER,
G. W. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

Dr. Marsh, Revs. J. A. Stradley, C. A. Jenkens and John S. Hardaway were appointed to prepare a form of Church letter and have same printed.

Rev. J. A. Stradley offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Pleasant Grove Church and the citizens of this community for their elegant hospitality to us during our present session.

Rev. C. A. Jenkens read the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That, in subsequent meetings of this Association, the body adjourn whenever preaching is announced by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Dr. R. H. Marsh a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Revs. C. A. Jenkens, J. A. Beam and Bro. A. C. Parham, delegates to the State Convention.

The Clerk was allowed fee of fifteen dollars and directed to expend balance of minute funds in having Church letters and Minutes of this Session printed.

The Moderator announced chairmen of the several committees for the coming year and requested that they be prepared to make reports by next session. There being no other business the Association, after prayer by Rev. J. A. Beam, adjourned to meet with Mill Creek Church, Person County, North Carolina, on Tuesday after second Sunday in August, 1891.

B. S. ROYSTER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Other objects.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	G. T. Watkins.	Membership.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Per capita including Pastor's Salary and Ch. Ex's.	Per capita for benevolence.	Total contributions including Pastor's Salary.
Amis' Chapel,	200 00	15 00	.....	16 45	20 30	22 00	12 15	4 62	.....	170	0	1	6	2	1	1.64	.46	280 52
Antioch,	.....	.....	23 81	5 00	4 35	.....	12 60	5 05	5 00	66	0	0	1	0	5	.....	.84	.....
Bethany,	125 00	6 00	.....	4 60	4 60	3 20	1 55	4 00	5 00	62	6	5	0	2	1	2.48	.37	153 95
Bethel,	200 00	12 50	23 55	18 26	31 65	16 35	66 25	20 15	6 40	159	4	7	7	5	6	2.48	1.14	395.11
Concord,	150 00	103 00	.....	8 36	14 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	104	0	4	3	0	0	2.84	.40	295 36
Corinth,	.....	.....	.....	6 41	15 00	.....	7 90	6 84	.....	111	20	4	4	2	0	.....	.32	.....
Enon,	250 00	75	.....	14 45	42 55	12 10	16 0 2	13 02	.....	110	0	6	1	2	1	3.17	.89	348 89
Fellowship,	100 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 75	.....	.....	.....	86	4	2	2	1	1	1.22	. 5	105 75
Flat River Union,	150 00	4 50	.....	10 00	17 40	10 80	.....	23 15	.....	133	6	7	6	4	6	1.62	.46	215 85
Grassy Creek,	200 00	25 10	10 00	7 12	7 56	8 00	8 25	5 81	20 20	199	13	3	25	2	7	1.46	.33	292 04
Henderson,	1000 00	545 75	58 10	17 20	83 01	142 01	104 01	124 20	.....	185	20	22	8	1	2	11.21	2.85	2074 28
Hester's	200 00	13 00	18 85	5 80	14 67	4 20	13 00	2 35	.....	199	8	3	11	5	3	1.36	.29	271 87
Island Creek,	200 00	25 00	7 00	9 00	71 05	51 07	10 45	7 45	7 00	204	5	..	16	1	6	1.90	.80	388 02
Mill Creek,	200 00	5 00	.....	15 00	20 75	23 27	8 35	26 17	10 00	163	16	1	2	1	1	1.89	.63	308 54
Mountain Creek,	200 00	13 00	34 60	17 00	37 95	13 35	18 00	5 00	.....	212	..	1	9	5	5	1.65	.65	350 90
Mount Harmony,	.....	.....	4 50	.....	6 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	59	..	4	3	..	..	.....	.22	13 00
Mount Zion,	275 00	15 00	38 65	16 80	53 00	26 50	28 75	20 00	20 00	214	1	8	8	3	9	2.30	.94	493 70
Pleasant Grove,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	..	..	3	..	3	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel,	50 00	.....	2 50	64	1 00	64	64	65	.....	44	..	2	1	..	..	1.27	.13	56 07
New Light,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	15	..	8	3	3	.....	.09	.....
Peace Chapel,	50 00	.....	440 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	4	3	..	..	..	18.15	....	490 00
Oxford,	1000 00	13 85	132 16	79 04	146 06	82 36	69 00	30 00	18 00	203	2	13	36	1	1	7.73	2.74	1570 47
Olive Branch,	125 00	15 00	12 15	5 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	4 15	.....	191	..	2	1	5	4	.93	.19	178 30
Olivo Grove,	50 00	.....	.....	1 75	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	59	30	2	3	..	2	.92	.08	54 75
Providence,	.....	63 20	25 66	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	11	3	5	3	9	.73	.23	93 11
Roxboro,	200 00	20 00	70 95	15 00	28 85	36 00	40 00	82 58	.....	65	3	11	10	..	..	7.50	4.11	487 38
Rock Spring,	60 00	25 00	.....	.....	9 00	9 00	5 00	3 30	3 50	27	..	7	..	..	..	4.25	1.10	114 80
Stovall,	150 00	172 35	5 17	4 60	25 60	28 00	7 25	5 00	6 00	98	3	10	3	..	..	4.12	.83	403 97
State Line,	150 00	7 00	12 90	6 22	7 21	4 00	5 05	.....	43 47	103	15	9	3	..	5	2.20	.77	236 46
Snow Hill,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	..	..	2	..	1	.....	....	20 00
Tally Ho,	175 00	11 35	4 00	3 50	8 06	1 00	2 30	10 48	.....	133	..	2	6	1	3	1.62	.22	215 69
Poplar Creek,	200 00	.....	6 00	19 68	55 67	30 77	8 00	30 01	.....	126	9	3	3	..	1	2.78	1.19	350 13

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Post-Offices, and Days of Meeting.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLEKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	W. E. Warren	Roxboro, "	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah "	Second " " " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	B. V. Riggs	Moriah "	" " " " "
Bethal	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill "	Third " " " " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Raleigh "	T. J. Smith	Lyons "	Second " " " " "
Corinth	M. A. Adams	Wake Forest "	E. C. Montague	Clay "	" " " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	F. Y. Currin	Oxford "	Fourth " " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson Store.	T. H. Perry	Beck "	" " " " "
Flat River Union	N. S. Jones	Raleigh "	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	" " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram "	" " " " "
Henderson	R. VanDeventer	Henderson"	T. J. Mitchell	Henderson "	Every " Morning and night
Hesters	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite "	Second " and Saturday before
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro"	Third " " " "
Mill Creek	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro "	Jno. L. Gentry	Mill Creek "	Second " " " "
Mountain Creek.	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	J. S. Eakes	Whet Stone "	Third " " " "
Mt. Harmony	W. E. Warren	Roxboro "	S. Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah "	Fourth " " " "
Mt. Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford "	E. A. Howard	Hargrove "	First " " " "
Mary's Chapel	Z. W. Wheelous	Grissom "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom "	" " " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson Store.	W. D. Peed	Roger's Store "	Second " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford "	E. G. Currin	Oxford "	Every " morning and night
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill "	W. T. Humphries	Collier "	Second " and Saturday before
Olive Grove	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson Store.	W. T. Perry	Roger's Store "	Third " " " "
Peace Chapel	M. R. Purnell	Franklinton "	H. T. Jeffress	Kittrell "	Fourth " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson Store.	W. A. Hester	Mt. Energy "	First " " " "
Providence	W. E. Warren	Roxboro "	T. Jackson	Mill Creek "	" " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	J. H. Parham	Henderson "	" " " " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro "	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro "	Third " morning and night
Rock Springs	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	C. Gordon	Townesville "	Fourth " and Saturday before
State Line	T. W. Greer	Clarksville, Va	C. S. Gordon	Soudan, Va	First " " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	J. S. Royster	Stovall "	Second " " " "
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	D. A. Pittard		Fourth "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford "	C. H. Washington	Stem "	Third " and Saturday before

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTEND'TS.	POST OFFICES	SCHOOLS.	No Teach.& Offic'rs	NO. PUPILS	CONNRI-BUTIONS
Amis Chapel..	R. W. Downey..	Buchanan, N. C.	1	8	50	12.62
Antioch	C. H. Tapp	Ai "	1	7	42	4.60
Bethel	T. D. Woody,...	Bethel Hill "	1	3	70	15.00
Concord	T. J. Smith.....	Lyons "	1	7	80	15.00
Corinth	J. B. Elliot	Clay "	1	..	...	.....
Enon.....	J. F. Currin	Oxford "	1	6	60	23.00
F't River Un'n	S. W. Waller ...	Knap of Reeds "	1	9	60	7.50
Grassy Creek.	J. L. Pittard....	Adoniram "	1	8	90	9.06
Henderson ...	T. M. Pittman..	Henderson "	1	21	189	378.77
Hester's	R. D. Brooks ...	Oxford "	1	8	58	.....
Island Creek..	R. L. Dunn.....	Williamsboro"	2	22	110	10.00
" "	J. G. Morgan...	" "				
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street....	Mill Creek "	1	11	47	.....
Mount'n Creek	W. G. Eakes....	Whet Stone "	1	8	50	4.00
Mt. Harmony.	D. E. Peed.....	Mt. Tirzah "	1	5	55	2.00
Mt. Zion.....	J. J. Meadows ..	Berea "	1	7	54	10.87
Mary's Chapel.	J. W. Wheelous.	Grissom "	1	6	40	.....
New Light....	L. A. Wilson ...	New Light "	1	9	60	.....
Oxford	C. D. Ray	Oxford "	1	16	175	64.42
Olive Branch.	J. C. Humphries	Collier "	2	16	82	5.00
Olive Grove...	W. T. Perry	Rogers' Store"	1	..	60	.....
PleasantGrove	W. J. Rogers ...	Mt. Energy "	1	8	50	3.20
Providence ...	G. W. Buchanan	Roxboro "	2	17	111	7.75
"	H. T. White	" "				
Poplar Creek.	A. J. Wright ...	Dabney "	1	6	45	38.00
Roxboro.....	R. E. Couch	Roxboro "	1	11	52	13.00
Rock Springs.	C. Gordon.....	Townsville "	1	7	38	10.00
Stovall	R. A. Gill	Stovall "	1	8	52	16.78
Snow Hill	J. I. Murray....	Allensville "	1	..	...	.....
Tally Ho	T. H. Stem	Stem "	1	8	48	10.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. W. Atkinson, Hutchinson's Store, N. C.
" J. A. Beam, Bethel Hill, N. C.
" W. A. Barrott, Franklinton, N. C.
" R. I. Devin, Oxford, N. C.
" E. F. Beacham, Oxford, N. C.
" T. W. Greer, Clarksville, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, N. C.
" T. J. Horner, Henderson, N. C.
" C. A. Jenkens, Oxford, N. C.
" N. S. Jones, Raleigh, N. C.
" J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro, N. C.
" R. H. Marsh, D. D., Oxford, N. C.
" E. J. Montague, Allensville, N. C.
" J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C.
" R. VanDeventer, Henderson, N. C.
" W. E. Warren, Bethel Hill, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

J. G. Blalock, Berea, N. C. | C. E. Ball, Dabney, N. C.
— — Gordon, Buchanan, N. C. | T. J. Hudson, Bethel Hill, N. C.

COMMITTEES TO PREPARE REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION.

PERIODICALS: B. S. Royster.
STATE MISSIONS: T. M. Pittman.
FOREIGN MISSIONS: B. D. Howard.
HOME MISSIONS: R. Amis.
EDUCATION: W. W. Kitchen.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE: N. Penick.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: R. E. Couch.
TEMPERANCE: D. A. Pittard.
COLPORTAGE: F. P. Hobgood.
PLACE AND PREACHER: J. J. Meadows, H. A. Nichols, J. T. Rogers.
CHURCH LETTERS: C. A. Jenkens, J. S. Hardaway, N. S. Jones
5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS: Revs. R. H. Marsh, D. D., C. A. Jenkens and Bro. A. C. Parham.

ANNUAL REPORT

BY THE TREASURER OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash for Minutes,	$ 47 00
Cash for Ministerial Education,	69 61
Cash for Foreign Missions,	481 64
Cash for Home Missions,	47 14
Cash for State Missions,	311 55
Cash for Baptist Orphanage,	90 39
	$1048 30
Cash in hand,	$4 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid Clerk,	$ 15 00
By cash paid for Minutes,	32 97
J. D. Boushall, for Ministerial Education,	69 61
Cash for Foreign Missions,	481 64
Cash for Home Missions,	47 14
Cash for State Missions,	311 55
Cash to J. H. Mills, for Baptist Orphanage,	90 39
	$1048 30

A. C. PARHAM, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each Church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2 The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the Churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve, decide questions in cases of equal disvisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mill Creek Church, Person County, N. C.

August 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1891.

T. H. STREET, MODERATOR, – – Mill Creek, N. C.
J. G. BLALOCK, CLERK, – – – Berea, N. C.
J. S. ROYSTER, TREASURER, – – – Stovall, N. C.

ROXBORO, N. C.
NOELL BROS., PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS,
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	*Post Offices.*	
Rev. J. H. Hutchinson,	Hutchinson's Store,	N. C.
" M. A. Adams,	Wake Forest,	"
" J. W. Atkinson,	Hutchinson's Store,	"
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill,	"
" E. F. Beacham,	Franklinton.	"
" W. R. Cullom,	Wake Forest,	"
" R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
" T. W. Greer,	Hanford,	Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	N. C.
" T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	"
" C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford,	"
" J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro,	"
" R. H. Marsh,	Oxford,	"
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
" M. R. Pernell,	Franklinton,	"
" A. F. Purephoy,	Wake Forest,	"
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
" R. VanDeventer,	Henderson,	"
" G. T. Watkins,	Adoniram,	"

LICENTIATES.

Rev. James Gordon,	Buchanan,	N. C.
" J. G. Blalock,	Berea,	"
" C. T. Ball,	Dabney,	"
" T. J. Hudson,	Bethel Hill,	"
" W. E. Warren,	Roxboro,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

MILL CREEK CHURCH, PERSON COUNTY, N. C.,

August 11th, 1891.

The ninety-eigth session of the Flat River Baptist Association met at Mill Creek Church, Person county, N. C., August 11th, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, from Romans 3: 28, "A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

AFTER INTERMISSION,

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. T. H. Street. Rev. R. VanDeventer read a part of the 119th Psalm, and offered prayer. In the absence of the former Clerk, Bro. J. W. Noell was requested to act *pro tem.* Moderator appointed Brethren R. Amis and F. P. Hobgood Reading Clerks. The roll of churches being called, the following were represented, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL: John Amis,* J. S. Pool, L. G. Chandler.*
ANTIOCH: H. H. Nichols, R. F. Trimb, J. R. Yarborough.
BETHANY: W. A. Malone, L. J. Meadows, W. H. Copley.
BETHEL: S. P. Gentry, Ruffin Woody, J. C. Rogers.
CONCORD: W. J. Mize, W. J. Coley,* T. B. Lyon.
CORINTH: J. I. Gorden, J. R. Buchanan,* A. A. Overton.*
ENON: E. K. Howard, J. P. Cannady, F. Y. Currin.
FELLOWSHIP: Isaiah J. O'Dear, R. O. Weathers,* T. D. Cannady.*
FLAT RIVER UNION: E. H. Veazy, M. W. B. Veazy, A. Oakley.*
GRASSY CREEK: J. W. Winston, R. L. Pittard, R. Hester.
HENDERSON: T. J. Mitchell,* T. B. Stewart.
HESTER'S: R. D. Brooks, J. H. Morris, H. H. Hobgood.
ISLAND CREEK: D. L. Woody, J. A. S. Shotwell, P. B. Sneed.

Names marked thus * were not present during the session.

MILL CREEK: John H. Gentry, R. C. Pugh, J. P. Buchanan.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: J. H. Watkins, Richard Parham, Henry Frazier.
MT. HARMONY: T. R. Jones, D. E. Peed, D. W. Knott.
MT. ZION: B. D. Howard, S. H. Jones, Pinkney Meadows.
MARY'S CHAPEL: N. T. Jones,* J. W. Wheelrons,* J. Z. Allen.*
NEW LIGHT: ————, ————, ————.
OXFORD: N. Penick,* J. V. Rice,* F. P. Hobgood.
OLIVE BRANCH: J. P. Stovall, E. J. Ramsey, J. R. Hays.*
OLIVE GROVE: E. M. Perry,* T. A. Shearon,* R. J. Emery.*
PLEASANT GROVE: W. A. Hester, J. T. Rogers,* T. M. Thomason.*
PEACE CHAPEL: H. F. Jeffries,* J. C. Wilson,* N. B. Dickerson,* W. W. Dickerson.*
POPLAR CREEK: J. E. Callis,* J. H. Parham, A. J. Wright.*
PROVIDENCE: D. Gravitt, A. B. Harris, T. Jackson.
ROXBORO: A. R. Foushee, W. W. Kitchin, J. W. Noell.
ROCK SPRINGS: J. T. Harris, F. D. Harris,* B. F. Knott.*
STATE LINE: C. S. Hite,* H. H. Averett, J. B. V. Tunstall.
STOVALL: R. A. Gill, Uriah Cutts, L. W. Overby.
SNOW HILL: P. G. Montague, J. I. Murray, D. A. Pittard.
TALLY HO: S. P. Washington, W. R. Bullock, Wm. Averitt.*
FLORENCE AVENUE: Rufus Amis, G. W. P. Pool, T. B. Hill.*

The Moderator announced the election of officers as the next order of business, and the following were chosen: Moderator, T. H. Street; Clerk, J. G. Blalock; Treasurer, J. S. Royster.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on programme: R. VanDeventer, C. A. Jenkins and F. P. Hobgood.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Association, and the following responded to the invitation and were recognized by the Moderator: Prof. J. C. C. Dunford, of Roanoke Association; J. C. Caddell, Associate Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; Rev. W. T. Jones, Sandy Creek Association; Capt. I. H. Saunders, Danville, Va., Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Corresponding Secretary of Education Board; Rev. S. F. Conrad, Pilot Mountain Association; Rev. J. B. Boon, Financial Agent of Baptist Female University; Rev. M. L. Kesler, Corresponding Secretary of Sunday Schools and Colportage, and E. J. Edwards, of the *North Carolina Baptist*.

The committee on programme submitted a report which was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

PERIODICALS: Rev, C. A. Jenkins.
STATE MISSIONS: Rev. R. VanDeventer.
EDUCATION: W. W. Kitchin.
HOME MISSIONS: R. Amis.
FOREIGN MISSIONS: B. D. Howard.
COLPORTAGE: F. P. Hobgood.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE: A. R. Foushee.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: R. E. Couch.
TEMPERANCE: D. A. Pittard.
PLACE AND PREACHER: H. H. Nichols and B. D. Howard.
FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS: Revs. R. H. Marsh and C. A. Jenkins.

The committee on periodicals read the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

"We most cordially recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as the organ of the Baptist churches of North Carolina. Let every Baptist family subscribe. We recommend also the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and *Charity and Children*, published at Thomasville, N. C."

C. A. JENKINS, Committee.

The report, after being discussed by J. C. Caddell, E. S. Edwards, F. P. Hobgood and R. VanDeventer, was adopted. By motion, the Moderator appointed Brethren F. P. Hobgood, W. A. Malone and Rev. R. H. Marsh to assist Bro. Caddell in soliciting subscribers for the *Biblical Recorder*.

Bro. R. Amis read a letter from Florence Baptist church, requesting admittance into the Flat River Association. By motion, the request was referred to a committee of three, consisting of J. H. Lamberth, G. T. Watkins and J. K. P. Stovall for consideration.

The request of Henderson Baptist church, for letter of dismissal from the Flat River Association, to unite with the Tar River Association, was granted.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins moved that the report of Church Letters be dispensed with, which motion was carried.

Rev. R. H. Marsh read resolutions in regard to the Centennial of Missions. Remarks by Rev. C. Durham. Afterwards amended by Bro. B. D. Howard, and adopted as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Centennial of Missions is to be emphasized by the Baptists of the world, and especially by the Southern Baptist Convention during the year 1892. Therefore

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange for special and appropriate Centennial Services on Wednesday of next session." Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three, consisting of Revs. J. S. Hardaway, R. I. Devin and J. A. Stradley to arrange for appropriate Centennial Services. After benediction the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, August 12th, 1891.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 12th, 1891.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock, by Moderator Street. After singing "Nearer my God to Thee," Rev. C. Durham led the Association in prayer. The Clerk called the roll of churches and delegates, and read the proceedings of Tuesday's meeting, which were corrected and approved. By motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, the Baptist Orphanage was made a special object for Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock A. M., and Home Missions for Thursday at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The committee for the consideration of the reception of Florence Avenue Baptist church, reported as follows:

REPORT ON FLORENCE AVENUE CHURCH:

"We, your committee to consider the petition of Florence Avenue church for admission into your body, beg leave to report that we have duly weighed all the available information concerning said church, and that we recommend its reception."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBERTH,
G. T. WATKINS, } Committee.
J. K. STOVALL,

The report was adopted. The delegates of Florence Avenue came forward and received the right hand of fellowship, and were duly enrolled.

The hour for the report on State Missions having arrived, Rev. R. VanDeventer submitted the following, which was adopted, after remarks by Rev. C. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS:

"State Mission work is the foundation on which our whole denominational structure is built. We believe the policy of the fathers in organizing the Baptist State Convention was wise. To

build up a college equal to any; to educate indigent young men called to preach the gospel and to give the gospel to all destitute sections of North Carolina and some means for the sustenance of the foreign mission work.

The field is extensive; it is safe to say there are 500,000 grown people in N. C. who belong to no church.

The State Mission Board in N. C. employs 124 men to work in 34 Associations. With more means in the hands of the Board, vastly more can be done toward giving the truth, as we believe it, to the 500,000 unsaved in our State."

R. VANDEVENTER, Committee.

The report on Education was next called for and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and Prof. H. A. Foushee made interesting speeches.

By motion of Bro. VanDeventer the time for the discussion of Education was extended 15 minutes to hear from Rev. J. B. Boon, Fin. Agt. of the Baptist Female University, in regard to that projected institution. After which the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION:

"Your committee begs leave to report an increased interest in the cause of Education throughout our entire State. We rejoice that the leading institutions of learning are all rapidly progressing, and especially are we gratified at the prosperity of our Baptist schools. Our female Colleges at Murfresboro, High Point and Oxford are doing splendid work. The Female Seminary at Oxford has especial claims for patronage on the people of this Association. Among our high-schools the one at Bethel Hill deserves mention. And it is urged that the necessity exist for more and better high schools to prepare the youth for our colleges. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is a source of pride to every Baptist in our South-land, and its grand work in preparing minds to grapple with evil cannot be estimated, and its influence is already felt in every section of the South. The institution that elicits the especial pride of North Carolina Baptist is Wake Forest College, its last year in many respects was the most remarkable in its history, there being enrolled 212 students of whom 53 are preparing for the ministry, and of these 37 receive aid from the Board of Education. And its work continues to increase, and consequently the demands upon our churches are greater. Believing that as the mind is enlightened the soul becomes greater, and knowing that the destiny of our denomination depends upon the education of the young men let us determine to more freely encourage our institutions with our means, as well as our prayers."

W. W. KITCHIN, Committee.

The time for the report on Orphanage having arrived, Bro. A. R. Foushee submitted the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

"Since our last meeting the Orphanage work has gone smoothly on, the Lassiter building and Infirmary have been built. There are now a goodly number of buildings, so that there is not such a pressing need for houses as for funds to carry on the work of the institution. Bro. J. H. Mills was re-elected superintendent at the recent annual meeting and Bro. Hilliard, a worthy brother, was elected to fill the office of Treasurer and Pastor. The Lord has peculiarly blessed this institution, and other states, notably Va. and S. C., have profited by our example and are building homes for their own orphans. Charity and Children continues to grow in popularity and merit. We recommend that our Sunday Schools take regular monthly collections for the Orphanage; that each church make an effort to secure a club of subscribers for Charity and Children, and that the Pastors keep the Orphanage before the people and take at least one collection a year for it.

A. R. FOUSHEE, Committee.

Bro. J. H. Mills was recognized and spoke in behalf of the Orphanage, presenting its urgent needs. Prof. F. P. Hobgood also made remarks, after which the report was adopted.

A cash collection was taken up for the Orphanage amounting to $26.40.

After benediction by Bro. C. Durham, Association adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

After singing "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," Association was called to order by Moderator, and led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Stradley.

The hour for Foreign Missions having arrived Bro. B. D. Howard read the following report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Mathew 28 :19 we find of the Master, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." How are we obeying this command? Let us look at the contributions from the different churches in the Association. There are a few churches in this Association that did not give anything to Foreign Missions last year. Some with 80 or 90 members only give $1.00. We need to be waked up spiritually. We have slept too long already. You

brethren in the ministry stop shooting long ranged guns at sinners until you arouse and wake up your church members to their duty, and then, and not till then, will we have more religion, and more religion will be the means of greater things being done for the Lord. In the State of North Carolina there are the rise of 800 Baptist churches and of that number there are 453 contributing and 417 non-contributing churches to this object. Now what is the cause? Something is wrong somewhere and what is it? Does the Bible teach us to be missionaries? If so have we done as we are commanded? Do we give as the Lord hath prospered us? Are there any Heathen? Do we want them saved? We say yes. Now let us look at the Heathen world. There is China teeming with her millions. How many missionaries have we there? 37 in all, 10 of these are unmarried ladies. Now to include main stations there are 89 according to F. M. Journal. In China there are millions of souls that never heard of Christ. Dr. Yates said before he died, there were 80 million that had heard of Christ, leaving 420 millions stark Heathen. Is not this alarming? Then Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan are all calling for the gospel. Will we move forward on this line and do more than we have been doing? The churches need plain Preachers to tell them of the destitution and the great need of money to carry out the Lords command. Will you do it? If not we will continue to drag and sleep spiritually.

B. D. HOWARD, Committee.

After interesting speeches by Brethren B. D. Howard, R. Van Deventer, C. Durham, F. P. Hobgood and J. A. George, of Armenia, Asia, the report was odopted unanimously.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins next made a short speech setting forth the peculiar claims of the Oxford Female Seminary on the people of this Association.

Brethren Van Deventer, Stradley and Marsh spoke of the condition of Peace Chapel and requested the brethren to aid them.

The report on Colportage was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

"RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to take charge of the S. S. Institutes and the Colportage work. The committee will co-operate with the Sunday School and Colportage Board.

F. P. HOBGOOD, Committee.

The report was adopted after remarks by M. L. Kesler, Cor. Sec. of the Sunday School and Colportage Board.

After benediction by Rev. J. A. Stradley, the Association adjourned to meet Thursday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 13th, 1891.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Rev. R. H. Marsh offered prayer. The Clerk called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. Minutes of Wednesdays proceedings were read and approved.

By motion of Bro. R. H. Marsh the Clerk was authorized to collect, as nearly as possible, a file of the minutes of the Flat River Association and to have them bound in book form, and the expense of the same to be paid from the minute fund.

By motion the speeches of to-day were limited to three minutes each.

The committee on Home Missions offered the following report:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of the Southern Baptists is deservedly attracting more attention than ever before in the history of our denomination.

The constantly increasing inflow of northern and foreign immigration, with a resident native population of more than five millions of negroes doubly emphasizes the importance of this great work.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in May last, reported 401 Missionaries, then employed, as against 361 last year. Of these, 31 were among the Indians and people of foreign birth, the latter being located mostly in Kentucky, Missouri and Texas. In Cuba there were 22; and in the Southern States, 57 among the negroes and 302 among the whites. There had been baptized 5349, a gain of 872 over the previous year, and 9189 admitted to the churches, a gain of 878. 424 Sabbath Schools had been organized, as against 366 last year. The amount of expenditures for new church buildings had run up to $60.473, as against $37.324 for last year, while the number built was 143 as against 84 last year.

The Board further stated: "We do not hesitate to affirm our confident belief that an expenditure, under the best conditions, by our Home Mission and State Boards of $30.000 a year, for the next ten years, would settle the race question forever."

In view of the foregoing interesting facts, your committee beg leave to urge upon this Association the great and overshadowing importance of increased activity in a work that appeals so strongly to all christian hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS AMIS, Committee.

This report, after being discussed by Rev. J. A. Stradley, was adopted.

Rev. R. H. Marsh read the following report concerning the Humphries house and lot.

REPORT ON MRS. HUMPHRIES HOUSE AND LOT:

TO THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren: We the Committee, I. N. Day, J. F. Usery, J. M. Curren, J. J. Meadows and Thos. H. Street, appointed by you at your last session to collect from the churches the several amounts pledged by them to pay for a home for Sister Humphries and children, wife of our dear brother, Elder C. F. Humphries, have to report that we have purchased said home near the corporate limits of town. Said lot of land is 104 by 250 feet, on which there is a three-room house, nearly new, kitchen and good well of water, it being the lot bargained for by Bro. Humphries in his life time, and for which we paid six hundred and fifty dollars. The cash has been paid, and a deed of trust executed to Sister Humphries, her lifetime or widowhood, and then to her children, and the same has been put on record in the Register's office.

And your Committee desires to state that a part of the amount has been borrowed from the Bank of Oxford, Isaac N. Day giving his note for the same; and we are of the opinion that when the balance of the churches pay up their pledges in full, (which we have no doubt will be done soon), we will be able to satisfy the bank in full. Yours very respectfully,

ISAAC N. DAY,
Ch'm'n of Com.

Oxford, N. C., August 10th, 1891.

The report was adopted.

Bro. B. D. Howard moved that the delegates of the separate churches take up a collection for Rev. E. F. Beecham, who is now in very needy circumstanses, and send the same to Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.

The Report on Temperance was called for, and the following was read and adopted, after remarks by Revs. J. A. Stradley and J. J. Lansdell:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

"The effects of dram-drinking is, as we daily see, so detrimental and destructive of property, health and human happiness, that we think no church member can engage in it, without lowering himself in the estimation of the ungodly men, in the esteem of all right thinking church members, in his own estimation, and in the

estimation of the God who calls intoxicating liquors a "Mocker," who says "Look not thou upon it when it is red, and giveth his color in the cups," who says "It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." We think that moderate dram-drinking deserves the rebuke and censure of all church members, who are not clogs to christian progress themselves, and we should withdraw fellowship from every card, billiard and saloon visitor."

D. A. PITTARD, Committee.

The committee on Preacher and Place reported as follows:

REPORT ON PREACHER AND PLACE.

We, your Committee, recommend that the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Island Creek Church, Vance County, N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1892. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. J. H. Lamberth.

H. H. NICHOLS, } Committee.
B. D. HOWARD, }

The report was adopted.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD.

RESOLVED, That this Association endorse the appointment by the Committee of a Ministers' Relief Board, and request the churches to take at least one collection a year for the objects of the Board.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

The report on Sunday Schools was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"We believe the Sunday Schools of to-day to be second in importance only to the church of Christ. In them a crucified Redeemer is held before many young eyes, which otherwise would not behold him. In our Association there are more than 30 Sunday Schools, besides several branch Schools, nearly all of these schools are ever green, as everything connected with the Master's work should be. There are in these Schools over two thousand scholars, most of whom are children being trained for the many duties of life and positions of honor and trust in the church and State. It is very gratifying that so many young minds are under Sunday School training, and while this is true, there are many, many more, who do not attend Sunday School at all; whose parents have taught them that it is even sinful to go to Sabbath School. We most earnestly commend these facts to your careful and prayerful consideration, under the firm conviction that with the blessings of God and the labor of his chosen ones, these Sunday Schools will become the power which they should be.

R. E. COUCH, Committee.

After remarks by Rev. J. J. Lansdell, the reporte was adopted.

Rev. R. H. Marsh reported *viva voce* on the 5th Sunday meetings. By motion of Bro. Stradley, the Committee on Sunday School Institutes are requested to divide the Association into two sections instead of four. Bro. B. D. Howard moved that the delegates of the several churches be requested to bring the matter of Colportage before their several churches, and take a collection within two months for the purpose of purchasing a supply of books, and report same to Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.

The Moderator made the following appointments: Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. A. Stradley; Delegates to the State Convention, Rev. J. H. Lamberth, Bro. B. D. Howard and Rev. J. A. Beam; Committee on Sunday Schools and Colportage, Rev. R. H. Marsh, B. D. Howard and E. H. Jones.

Statement of last year's Treasurer, Bro. A. C. Parham, was read as follows:

Statement of the amount of cash received by me and reported to me, by the churches' since our last Association for the Orphanage and church buildings.

Cash collection at S. S. Institute at Island Creek for Orphanage	$13.25
Poplar Creek for Orphanage	6 25
Report from Mt. Creek	9.00
Report from Concord	25.00
	$53.50

For the Church at Peace's Chapel:

From Grassy Creek Church	$2.60
From Hesters Church	2.00
From Poplar Creek Church	6.25
	$10.85

Those of the above amount which were received by me have been forwarded as directed.

A. C. PARHAM, Treas.
Flat River Association.

Rev. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS:

RESOLVED, That the the grateful thanks of this body are hereby due, and are hereby tendered to Mill Creek church and the citi-

zens of this community for their elegant hospitality to us during our present session.

Bro. Beam made a few fitting remarks in favor of his school at Bethel Hill.

The Treasurer submitted a report which was adopted.

By motion of Rev. R. H. Marsh the Treasurer was requested to pay out the money on hand according to the wishes of the several churches.

By motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood the clerks fee was reduced from $15.00 to $10.00. The balance of minute fund to be expended in having a file of minutes bound and minutes of this session printed.

There being no other business, the Association after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and prayer by Rev. J. A. Beam, adjourned to meet with Island Creek Church, Vance County, N. C., on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, 1892. T. H. STREET, MODERATOR.

JOSEPH G BLALOCK, Clerk.

JOE S. ROYSTER, Treasurer,

In acc't with Flat River Association.

Aug. 13th, 1891.

To am't	Received	for	Education,...	$ 65 97	
"	"	"	Foreign Missions...	206 98	
"	"	"	Mrs. Humphries,...	1 85	
"	"	"	Home Missions,.....	102 47	
"	"	"	Orphanage,.....	122 97	
"	"	"	State Missions,.....	94 92	
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"	"	for	Minute Fund, ...	48 74	
				$648 11	

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"	"	"	Orphanage (to J. H. Mills,)	96 32	
"	"	"	"	26 65	
"	"	"	State Missions,.....		94 92
"	"	Cash	on Hand from 1890,.....		4 21
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"	"	for	Home Missions,.....		102 47
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REPORT OF J. S. ROYSTER, TREASURER FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION,

August 13th, 1891	Minute Fund	Education For'd	Education On Hand	For'n For'd	For'n On Hand	Miss. Home Miss. For'd	Home Miss. On Hand	Orphanage For'd	Orphanage On Hand	State Miss. For'd	State Miss. On Hand	Other Objs For'd	Pastors salary	Church Expense	Mrs. Humphries.	Grand Total
Amis Chapel	$ 1 56	$ 4 15	$	$ 21 00	$	$ 3 00	$	$	$	$ 22 36	$	$ 18 00	$ 200 00	$ 40 00		$310 07
Antioch	2 00		5 53	7 00			5 53	11 50		6 10		36 00	140 00	4 08		217 84
Bethany	1 00	4 70		2 10		2 70			1 58		3 01	10 00	125 00	4 00		154 69
Bethel	2 00	126 50	3 15	14 50	6 21		22 20		9 25		17 25		200 00	8 35	$ 10 50	419 41
Concord	1 50			10 00		8 00				8 05			150 00	90 00		267 25
Corinth	1 50	10 00		31 11		2 15		5 09		8 00		25 00	125 00	80 17	100 60	387 93
Enon	1 50	42 75	14 35	25 94	5 65		15 10		20 20		13 30		250 09	86 20		494 69
Enon Sunday School				13 00	6 80											19 80
Fellowship	1 50											6 50	100 00	5 00		113 00
Florence Avenue	50															50
Flat River Union	1 50			6 46		5 65							150 00	22 00		185 61
Grassy Creek	1 60	4 12			10 87	6 00		5 51		6 27		20 25	200 00	43 53		302 71
Grassy Creek S. School							4 56									4 56
Henderson	2 50	20 75		106 64		73 15		811 25		26 37		45 25	1200 00	891 43		3177 34
Hesters	1 73		7 05		12 75		8 50		2 30			25 60	200 00	52 00	23 20	343 13
Hesters Sunday School					10 00											10 00
Island Creek	2 00	7 88		61 00		7 07				30 25		40 65	200 00	77 55	22 22	448 32
Island Creek S. School								10 00								10 00
Mill Creek	2 00		12 06	14 31		14 31		20 30	2 61	21 35		30 05	150 00	25 00		292 49
Mountain Creek	2 00	16 00		23 30		14 75				17 00		30 00	200 00	45 00		348 05
Mountain Creek S. School							2 00									2 00
Mount Zion	2 00		22 00		91 00	18 82	5 00	20 50	24 75		23 25	164 50	275 00	151 00		898 32
Slaughter Fund, Mt. Zion				282 33						150 00						432 33
Mt. Zion Sunday School					8 02			12 61			8 02					28 65
Mt. Harmony	1 10					3 00		5 00		3 30		5 30	90 00	114 00		221 70
Marys Chapel	50				1 10		1 10				1 10		50 00		5 00	58 80
New Light	1 50															
Oxford		26 93		86 75		84 48		46 50		47 46		411 06	1200 00	241 28	119 00	2263 46
Oxford Sunday School				15 00				22 61				20 00				57 61
Olive Branch	1 75				13 00		13 00	7 56					150 00	95 00	25 00	305 31
Olive Grove	1 25												50 00	48 00		99 25
Pleasant Grove	1 50				1 00		1 00		4 00		1 00		125 00			133 50
Providence	1 50				1 64	2 10			1 64	3 40				7 80		18 08
Peace Chapel	1 00												60 00	6 00		67 00
Poplar Creek	1 50				21 50		12 00		17 20		20 00	126 81	200 00	7 00		406 01
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Roxboro	2 00	39 50		68 34		30 16		69 75		65 00		138 98	400 00	104 00		917 73
Roxboro Sunday School								27 09								27 09
Rock Springs	1 00	3 00		15 70		3 00			5 75	12 76			60 00	26 90	11 46	139 57
Stovall	2 00	8 00		40 00		5 00				23 30		15 00	150 00	58 30	20 00	321 60
Snow Hill	25			10 00			3 00	5 00				8 00				26 25
State Line	2 00	3 00		6 89		6 80				6 45			150 00	44 03	15 25	234 42
State Line Sunday School						1 55		6 47								8 02
Tally Ho	1 50		1 83		7 25		6 75		1 85		2 80	33 00	175 00	10 00		239 98
Tally Ho Sunday School					5 00		2 73									7 73
Cash col at Association									26 65							

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

IURCHES.	SUP'RINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES	Officers	Teachers	Pupils	Total	Average attendance	Months of School	Collections
Chapel *									
ɔch	T. L Wilkinson	Roxboro	2	4	54	60	25	9	$ 9 00
el	W. A. Woody	Roxboro							12 00
ord	A. M. Veazey	Wilkins	2	8	48	55		12	
ıth	W. J. Parker	Clay	2	2	22	30	25		4 00
ı	P. H. Royster	Oxford	2	4	60	66	47	12	19 60
River Union	S. W. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	2	4	30	36	20	12	6 18
sy Creek	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	3	4	63	70		9	4 36
lerson	T. M. Pittman	Henderson	7	13	170	191	115	12	122 73
ers	J H. Morris	Oxford	4	6	50	60	30	12	20 27
ıd Creek	P. B. Sneed	Williamsboro	9	10	130	149		12	10 00
Creek	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek	1	5	50	56	35	12	5 00
ntain Creek	W. T. Eakes	Whetstone	3	5	60	68	40	12	2 00
Harmony	Amos Currin	Berea	2	3	25	30	25	12	3 00
Zion	J. J. Meadows	Berea	2	5	80	87	45	12	28 65
’s Chapel	J. W. Wheelrous	Grissom	2	4	45	51	30	10	
Light						30			
e Branch	J. C. Humphries								
ord	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	7	15	240	262	175	12	118 63
e Chapel	H. F. Jeffress	Kittrell	4	4	62	70	40	5	5 62
sant Grove	A. C. Parham	Oxford	3	6			27	12	15 57
ar Creek	H. J. Whitt	Roxboro	2	6	73	81	55	12	5 20
c Spring	C. Gordon	Woodsworth	4	4	46	54	34	9	22 48
boro	C. T. Willson	Roxboro	5	5	75	85	50	12	78 16
v Hill	J. I. Murray	Allensville	3	1	13	17	17	12	
e Line	W. T. Gordon	Soudan, Va.	4	4	51	59	35	12	7 95
all	J. S. Royster	Stovall	4	4	76	84	50	12	12 00
y Ho	S. P. Washington	Stems	4	5	60	69	45	9	11 00
y Ho Branch	Thomas Smith	Hargrove							5 00
ence Avenue	W. W. Hill	Blue Wing	1	5	54	60	40		
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PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	DAYS OF MEETING.
Anns Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	First Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	W. E. Warren	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	Second " " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	B. V. Riggs	Moriah	" " " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	Third " " " "
Concord	W. R. Cullom	Wake Forest	J. D. Clark	Lyon's	Second " " " "
Corinth	M. A. Adams	" "	W. J. Parker	Clay	" " " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	F. Y. Currin	Oxford	Fourth " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store	T. H. Perry	Beck	" " " " "
Flat River Union	W. R. Cullom	Wake Forest	W. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	" " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	Every " morning and night
Henderson	R Van Deventer	Henderson	S. J. Parham	Henderson	Second " and Saturday before
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Third " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	"	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Fourth " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Adoniram	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek	Third " " " "
Mountain Creek,	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone	Fourth " " " "
Mt. Harmony,	W. E. Warren	Roxboro	Simeon Bumpass	Mt. Tirzah	First " " " "
Mt. Zion,	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Hargrove	" " " " "
Mary's Chapel	A. F. Purephoy	Wake Forest	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	Second " " " "
New Light	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store	W. D. Peed	Rogers' Store	Every " morning and night
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin	Oxford	Third " and Saturday before
Olive Branch	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Store	W. T. Perry	Rogers' Store	Second " " " "
Olive Grove	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Collier	First " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store	W. A. Hester	Hester	Fourth " " " "
Peace Chapel	M. R. Purnell	Franklinton	H. F. Jeffries	Kittrell	First " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Watkins	" " " " "
Providence	W. E. Warren	Roxboro	Taylor Jackson	Mill Creek	Second & Fourth Sun. morn. & night
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	"	J. D. Morris	Roxboro	Fourth Sunday and Saturday before
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. R. Turner	Townesville	First " " " "
State Line	T. W. Greer	Hanford, Va	T. A. Royster	Bullock	Second " " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. S. Royster	Stovall	" "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised	Restored	Excluded.	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed.	Died.	Total Membership	Gain.	Loss.
Amis Chapel *									
Antioch	6	2	1	3	1		78	8	
Bethany	2		4		4	1	40		7
Bethel			3	5	10	1	150		9
Concord	1			3	5	1	101		2
Corinth	12	1		5	8	3	126	7	
Enon	18		3	7	12	3	117	7	
Fellowship				1		2	85		1
Flat River Union	19		2	1		2	147	16	
Grassy Creek		2	1	6	6	2	198		1
Henderson	18	1	1	5	4	1	205	18	
Hesters	24	6	4	6	8	1	209	10	
Island Creek	26	1	4	8	6	3	225	22	
Mill Creek	13		5		12		158		4
Mountain Creek	18			7	10		226	14	
Mt. Harmony	6		3	3		1	53	6	
Mt. Zion	23		7	7	15	1	218	6	
Mary's Chapel				1			49	1	
New Light			2		6	3	147		11
Olive Branch	23		3		13		190		
Olive Grove	3		1	3		2	60	3	
Oxford	31		4	25	34	2	217	14	
Peace Chapel	3			6		1	35	8	
Pleasant Grove				1	3		60		2
Poplar Creek				2	8	1	119		7
Providence			13		5	2	107		20
Rock Spring	12	2	1	3		1	42	15	
Roxboro	2			31	2		95	31	
Snow Hill			3				17		3
State Line	8	1	3	6		1	99	11	
Stovall	11	1	1	5	3		106	13	
Tally Ho	4	1		8	2	2	140	11	
Florence Avenue				21			21	21	
Total,	283	18	69	179	177	37	3843	232	67

* Statistics lost.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ISLAND CREEK CHURCH, VANCE CO., N. C.,

August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1892.

A. C. PARHAM, Moderator, Oxford, N. C.
J. G. BLALOCK, Clerk, Berea, N. C.
J. S. ROYSTER, Treasurer, Stovall, N. C.

PRESSES OF L. THOMAS, OXFORD, N. C.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

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NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. W. R. Cullum,	Creedmoor, N. C.
Rev. R I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. F. W. Greer,	Hanford, Va.
Rev. J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. T. J. Horner,	Henderson, N. C
Rev. K. C. Horner,	Horner's, N. C
Rev. C. A. Jenkens,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. E. J. Montague,	Allensville, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Wheelous,	Grissom N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. C. Blalock,	Berea, N. C.
Rev. C. L. Ball,	Dabney, N. C.
Rev. T. J. Hudson,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
Rev. T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

ISLAND CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
Vance County, N. C., Aug. 16, 1892.

The Flat River Baptist Association meets in its ninety-ninth annual session with Island Creek Baptist church.

The introductory sermon is preached by Rev. J. H. Lambeth, from I Tim. III, 15: "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

In the absence of the Moderator, T. H. Street, the Association is called to order by the Clerk and religious exercises are conducted by Rev. C. Durham. The Clerk reads a letter from Bro. Street, stating his inability to attend the Association, after which, by motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Bro. A. C. Parham is chosen Moderator pro tem.

Moderator appoints Bretheren H. M. Shaw and J. W. Noell Reading Clerks.

The roll of churches being called the following are represented, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS CHAPEL: C. S. Chandler, A. H. Garner*, J. W. Downey.
ANTIOCH: H. H. Nichols, R. F. Trimb, C. H. Tapp.
BETHANY: W. A. Malone, J. T. Newton.
BETHEL: T. D. Woody, S. P. Gentry, J. D. Brooks.
CONCORD: James Cash, S. T Lyon*, W. J. Coley*.
CORINTH: Luther Hays*, M. J. McGhee, W. F. Currin*.
ENON: J. M Phipps, J. F. Currin, E. K. Howard*.
FELLOWSHIP: D. F. Lawrence*, S. H. Currin*, Junius Buck*.
FLAT RIVER UNION: M. W. Veasey, S. W. Waller, P. Tilley*.
FLORENCE AVENUE: Rufus Amis, T B. Hill, J. J. Gillis.
GRASSY CREEK: L. A. Royster, Robt. Davis, J. W. Winston.
HESTERS: Fielding Knott*, J. M. Hobgood*, L. G. Frazier.
ISLAND CREEK: D. W. Knott, R. A. Evens, H. S. Lemay.
MILL CREEK: R. W. Pugh*, W. M. Wrenn, H. M. Gillis.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: S. R. Parham, David Frazier, W. T. Blacknall.
MT. HARMONY: D. W. Knott, S. E. Peed, L. Vaughn.
MT. ZION: B. D. Howard, J. F. Meadows*, Sol. OBriant*.
MARY'S CHAPEL: J. Z. Allen, J. W. Wheelrous*.
NEW LIGHT: D. Peed*, L. A. Wilson*, D. G. Mangum*.
OXFORD: H. M. Shaw, J. V. Rice, F. P. Hobgood.
OLIVE BRANCH: E. V. Ramsey*, E. D. Jones, E. Y. Pool.
OLIVE GROVE: E. M. Perry*, T. A Sheron, Alfred Kieth*.
PLEASANT GROVE: W. A. Hester, J. T. Rogers, M. F. Adcock*.

PEACE CHAPEL : N. B. Dickerson, J. C. Wilson, H. F. Jeffress.
POPLAR CREEK : A. J. Wright, A. C. Parham, O. H. Parham.
PROVIDENCE : J. H. Yarborough*, H. J. Whitt*, B. L. Gravitt*.
ROXBORO : J. W. Noell, J J. Street, S. A. Clayton.
ROCK SPRINGS : J. P. Harris, L. D. Lloyd, J. R. Turner.
STATE LINE : J. C. Huff, Hubert Gordon, T. A. Royster.
STOVALL : John L. Clark, B. T. Hicks, W. H. Cutts.
SNOW HILL :
TALLY HO : S. P. Washington*, W. T. Hunt*, W. B. Cash.

[Those who were not present at any time during the session are marked—*]

The Moderator having announced the election of officers, by motion of F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Jenkens cast the ballot of the Association for A. C. Parham as Moderator and J. G. Blalock as Clerk.

On motion of R. Amis, B. D. Howard cast the associational ballot for J. S. Royster as Treasurer.

The following visiting bretheren report during the session and are welcome to our midst: Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., of the Tar River Association, Bro. J. C. Caddell, Associate Editor of the Biblical Recorder, Rev. R. VanDeventer of the Tar River Association, Rev. C. Durham, D. D., Cor. Sec. of the State Mission Board, Rev. A. G. McManaway, Editor of the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Cor. Sec. of the Education Board, Rev C. E. Taylor, D. D., President Wake Forest College.

By motion of B. D. Howard, a special committee is appointed on Associational Schools.

Moderator appoints F. P. Hobgood and J. S. Hardaway as a committee on programme.

R. H. Marsh reads the following report which is adopted.

Your committee to raise funds in behalf of Rev. E. F. Beachum begs leave to submit the following report, viz :

Received of Mountain Creek	$13.00	
Poplar Creek	8.01	
Island Creek	6.08	
Rock Spring	6.40	
Flat River Union	2.00	
Enon	8.01	
Amis Chapel	8.27	
I. N. Day	5.00	
Stovall	5.00	
Mount Zion	5.25	
Concord	9.20	
Grassy Creek	1.75	
Corinth	4.50	
Total	$82.47	
Paid Rev. E. F. Beachum, as per receipt		$82.15
Paid P. O. Order expenses		.32
		$82.47

R. H. MARSH, Com.

The committee on programme submits a report which is adopted.

The Moderator announces the following committees.

Periodicals: J. A. Stradley, B. D. Howard, J. F. Currin.
State Missions: C. A. Jenkens, H. M. Shaw, L. G. Frazier.
Education: J. S. Hardaway, R. Davis, J. S. Clark.
Home Mission: J. H. Lambeth, B. F. Hicks, A. G. Wright.
Foreign Missions: J. A. Beam, L. Thomas, W. A. Malone.
Baptist Orphanage: J. W. Nowell, J. M. Phipps, J. V. Rice.
Sunday Schools: G. T. Watkins, W. B. Cash, W. H. Cutts.
Temperance: R. Amis, H. N. Nichols, T. D. Woody.
Place and Preacher: D. W. Knott, C. M. Perry, S. W. Waller.
Associational Schools: B. D. Howard, L. A. Royster, H. M. Gillis.

J. D. Hufham presents the claims of Tarboro Baptist church for help in paying for their church lot.

The committee on periodicals submits the following report, which after being discussed by bretheren, W. A. Malone, J. A. Stradley, J. D. Hufham, J. C. Caddell, A. G. McManaway, is adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

"We most cordially recommend the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the Baptist churches of North Carolina. Let every Baptist family subscribe. We recommend also the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and Charity and Children, published at Thomasville, N. C."

J. A. STRADLEY,
B. D. HOWARD,
J. F. CURRIN,
} Committee.

After prayer by G. T. Watkins, the Association adjourns to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock, a. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association convenes at the appointed time and the devotional exercises are conducted by W. R. Gwaltney.

The records of the preceeding day are read and approved.

By motion of R. H. Marsh, the Association request R. I. Devin to preach or deliver an address on the History of the Flat River Association at its next session.

The hour for the consideration of State Missions having arrived, C. A. Jenkens reads the following report, which after being discussed by C. Durham, is adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work forms the basis of all our missions. As the denomination exerts its energies at home, its power is felt abroad. Many of the most important points in the state have been saved to the Baptist by the aid of this Board, and perhaps in no department of our work has God bestowed more signal blessing. And yet there is wide spread destitution in North Carolina. In some counties the voice of a Baptist preacher is seldom heard, in many communities, never. There are 100 missionaries employed by the Board in 34 out of the 40 associations connected with the convention, working on a financial basis of $17000.00, of which $2000.00 have been carrid over from last

year, 14 houses of worship have been completed this year, and 47 are in course of erection, ranging in cost from $1000.00 to $3000.00.

Great has been our success, greater is our responsibility. The dignity of the work, the cross of a bleeding Savior, and the glory of God demand increased interest and increased contributions in behalf of our State Mission work. Let no child of God be content until every town, every valley and every hill-top from the seashore to the mountains is brought under the influence of Baptsit teaching, and North Carolina is a trophy of the cross.

C. A. JENKENS.

By motion the Association moves to the stand for the purpose of holding the centennial services.

The report on Home Missions is called for and J. H. Lambeth submits the following.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It is with gratitude to God and praise to the faithful missionaries on our fields of labor, that we make mention of great progress in the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The last decade of this phrase of our mission work shows, as no other period, the divine power of Him who said. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The contributions, though not what they should have been, have been increasing until the waste places of our southern zion are being built up.

The number of heralds of the cross under the direction of the Home Board has been increasing until the last report at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga. shows that there are now 365 missionaries in the employment of the Home Board. As the result of this increase in contributions and missionaries, under the faithful direction of those who have this work in charge, in answer to our prayers, under the guiding hand of our Savior who said; Go and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world; there has been a corresponding increase in the number of baptisms and additions to the churches and missions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

With these facts before us and the Macedonion cry coming from so many parts of the country for help, let us continue to pray, contribute and look to the Great Head of the church until every section of our South land and Cuba shall have the gospel.

Submitted,

J. H. LAMBETH
A. J. WRIGHT } Committee.
B. F. HICKS

By motion of J. A. Stradley the report on Foreign Missions is also taken up and Home and Foreign Missions are discussed under the general head of missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report from our Board of Foreign Missions, Richmond, Va., shows that Southern Baptists have 84 missionaries at work in the foreign field; engaged in China, Japan, Africa Italy, Brazil and Mexico. In these fields there are 74 churches with a membership of 2.723. Into the fellowship of these churches 434 members were baptized last year. The contributions of the native members of these churches were $3956.09 for the last year. Of the 84 missionaries now laboring in foreign lands North Carolina Bpatists have sent out 17, all of whom are now vigorously prosecuting their high and holy work, It is gratifying to know that the Baptists of the state in the matter of contributions, are in advance of their gifts of the same period last year.

This is the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Foreign Missions among the Baptist of England. In Oct. 1792, the Baptist Missionay Society was organized and in June of the following year William Carry and Dr. Thomas went out as missionaries to India. There they were alone in the vast field to which they went, while at home christians of almost every name regarded their enterprise not only as wild but also unscriptural. Now they are following in the footsteps of these men and in every land under the sun heralds of the cross are proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ.

It is proposed to celebrate the centinnial of missions by enlarged contributions. Your committee would call attention to this movement with the conviction that the members of your body will take part in it and will continue to stand by the Board in all its labors.

J. A. BEAM, Chairman.

The reports are discussed by A. G. McManaway, C. Durham and R. Van Deventer, after which Association adjourns for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing, Association is called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by R. Van Deventer.

By permmission of Moderator, R. Amis present the claims of Florence Avenue Baptist church.

By motion the Association moves to the house.

The reports on Home and Foreign Missions are respectfully taken up and adopted.

The order of business is suspended and J. S. Hardaway reads the following report on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Perhaps along no line have Baptists made greater progress than along the line of education. Nor has there been in any State more rapid advance in the work of education than in the State of North Carolina.

Today we feel proud of Wake Forrest College—and congratulate ourselves on the admiral work it has done, is doing-and rejoice in the prospect of the wonderful it has yet before it.

The Board of Education is aiding large numbers of young men, who are called to preach the gospel and its work might be indefinitely enlarged if it had the mean necessary.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is the great Theological School of the Baptists of the South. Our ministers should by all means take a course in Theology there if possible.

J. S. HARDAWAY
R. DAVIS
I. L. CLARK
} Committee.

The report being discussed by W. R. Gwaltney, C. E. Taylor, R. H. Marsh and J. D. Hufham, is adopted. The report on Associational Schools is read and made a special order for Thursday, 9.30 o'clock A. M.

By motion of J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Stradley is appointed a committee of one to prepare a suitable memorial of the life of the Rev. E. F. Beacham, to be spread upon the minuets of the Association.

The Moderator makes the following appointments: Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. S. Hardaway. Delegates to the State Convention; C. A. Jenkens, J. W. Noell, J. F. Currin.

After prayer by J. A. Beam, the Association adjourns till Thursday morning 9.30 o'clock.

THURDAY MORNING.

The Moderator calls the Association to order and after prayer by J. M. Phipps, the proceedings of the previous day are read and approved.

The roll of the delegates is next called and the absentees noted.

J. S. Hardaway moves that preaching at the stand be dispensed with for the morning that all may hear the discussions, which motion is carried.

The special order, Associational Schools is next taken up and discussec by C. A. Jenkens, J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Marsh and J. H. Lambeth. The time alloted to the discussion having expired is extended in order to hear from J. A. Beam, after which the report is adopted.

Report on Associational Schools.

OXFORD FEMALE SEMINARY.

Most of the time for forty-two years Baptist have had in Oxford a school of high grade for girls. The first President was Rev. Samuel Wait, D. D. The school has continued till the present time, growing in influence and popualarity as the years go by.

The buildings are commodious and well arranged. The site is an exceedingly beautiful one, the grounds being richly and tastefully arranged.

The corps of teachers and officers consisting of ten, have been selected with great care; and your committee think they are hozarding nothing in saying that in their opinion they are the equal of any other corps in the State.

The religions influences are all that can be desired. Besides the advantages of the Sunday School and worship at the Baptist Church every Sunday, the effort is made in the Seminary itself in every possible way to prepare the student for faithfully performing all the duties of life.

BETHEL INSTITUTE.

We have in our borders Bethel Institute, Bethel Hill, Person, Co, N. C. This is a male and female school under the management of Rev. J. A. Beam. The acadamy was built and supported by the association for many years. The school had been suspended a few years when Bro. Beam opened the school there about five years ago. Since that time the school has continued to grow each year numbering between seventy-five and one hundred pupils. Last session numbered 25 or 30 young men and about 25 young ladies.

There were ten young men preparing themselves for the ministry.

The Principal labors to cultivate the heart as well as the mind. This school is owned and run entirely by Baptists. all the teachers employed being Baptist.

We, your committee, earnestly advise parants to educate their children, and commend to them these schools.

B. D. HOWARD
L. A. ROYSTER } Committee
H. M. GILLIS

By motion of R. H. Marsh the Association adjourns to the stand to hear preaching.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by J. S. Hardaway.

The committee on Place and Preacher submits a report which is amended and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON PREACHER AND PLACE.

Your committee recommened the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Mt. Zion church, Granville Co., N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1893.

The Introductory sermon ro be preached by Rev. R. I. Devin; Alternate, Rev. J. S. Hardaway.

S. W. WALLER, D. W. KNOTT } Committee

The report on the Orphange is taken up and after being discussed by R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Jenkens and J. A. Stradley is adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee on Orphanage respectfully submits the following.

We realize the necessity for maintaing and fostering this Institution, and recognizing the gloomy prospects, financially, of our people, we most earnestly ask that our churches and Sunday Schools make unusual efforts the coming year so that the contributions from our Association shall continue to grow, that many helpless children who are begging for admitance may be cared for.

We would suggest to the Sunday Schools that they give one collection each month to the Orphange,and put a copy of Charity and Children in every household as far as posible.

J. W. NORLL, J. M. PHIPPS } Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools is called for send G. T. Watkins reads the following.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We hail with delight the great amount of good that has been and is being done by the Sunday School work,but believe we are receiving only the drops of a possible shower, should each christian do his duty.

We, therefore, recommend that every member of the church accept this God-given field of christian development, and by it not only win stars for his crown, but lead the lost to a risen Savior. We belive the time to train the heart for Christ and in doctrine is in childhood. Then let each church aid in this work tnrough the Sunday School We further cheertully and heartily recommend to our Sunday Schools the Southern Series of Literature and that of the Baptist Publican Society.

Respectfully submitted.

G. T. WATKINS, W. B. CASH, W. B. CUTTS } Committee

The report after being discussed by J. A. Stradley and J. S. Hardaway is adopted.

The report on Temperance is read and being slightly amended is adopted after remarks by J. A. Stradley.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a high christian virtue being classed by the great apostle of the Gentiles with peace, long suffering, gentleness goodnness, faithand meekness, as the opposite of drunkness, reveling, strife, etc. It is the fruit of love and should be cultivated by all christians as one of the means of grace.

The practice of any of our church members in visiting bar-rooms and saloons and other public places to indulge the appetite for strong drink is not only lamentable and humiliating to all true christians, but in the hightest degree detrimental to the cause of religion and should, in every legitimate way, be discountenanced and discouraged by all who love and honor the Savior of mankind.

RUFUS AMIS, H. H.NICHOLS, T. D. WOODY } Committee

The Treasure submitts a report which is adopted [See the report among the tables.]

By motion of F. P. Hobgood the clerk is allowed $1500 for his services the remainder of the minute money to be expended in printing minutes. R H Marsh moves that the Treasurer be requsted to pay out the money on hand according to the wishes of the several churches, which motion is carried.

By motion of J A Beam, J S Hardaway and J H Lambeth are appointed a committee of two to arrange time place, and programme for two Fifth sunday meetings during the ensuing associational year.

By motion of J W Noell the Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the members of Island Creek church and the citizens of the community for their elegant hospitality during its present session.

J H Lambeth moves that we express as the sense of this Association, that at its next session we have no stand for preaching and no preaching except the Introductory Sermon, which motion was carried.

There being no other businesss the Association, after prayer by S H Lambeth and singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again" adjourns to meet with Mt Zion church, Granville, Co., N C Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August 1893.

A C PARHAM, Moderator

JOSEPH G. BLALOCK, Clerk

STATISTIC TABLE.

CHURCH STATISTICS										SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS							
CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain.	Loss.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST-OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Average Attendance	Months.	Collections.
Amis Chapel	...	2	....	5	7	1	162	...	11	R. W. Downey	Buchanan	10	40	50	35	8	8.00
Antioch	1	..	1	3	6	1	70	...	8	C. H. Tapp	Ai	7	52	59	25	1	6.00
Bethany	9	..	3	..	..	2	58	10	..	W. H. Copley	Hampton	6	40	46	24	..	.....
Bethel	16	2	1	3	14	3	135	...	1	G. E. Woody	Bethel Hill	8	32	40	40	12	7.40
Concord	25	..	5	1	3	[illegible]	130	25	..	Ralph Currin	Wilkins	7	35	42	30	12	10.00
Corinth	23	1	....	7	5	1	....	11	..	D. W. Eakes	Clay	7	60	67	25	6	.....
Enon	17	2	4	..	1	1	....	21	..	P. H. Royster	Oxford	6	65	71	52	12	24.92
Fellowship	11	2	2	..	1	2	97	12	..	.....	.....	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Flat River Union	8	2	2	2	11	1	143	...	2	S. W. Waller	Knap of Reeds	6	....	....	35	12	.....
Florence Avenue	14	3	9	..	..	..	47	26	..	T. S. Wilkinson	Blue Wing	6	30	36	20	9	.....
Grassy Creek	27	2	....	1	10	4	212	14	..	L. A. Royster	Adonram	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Hester's	16	4	6	8	14	4	209	...	..	R. D. Brooks	Oxford	8	50	58	48	12	27.46
Island Creek	...	2	2	..	18	1	219	...	15	S. B. Sneed	Williamsboro	25	165	190	140	12	.....
Mary's Chapel	....	..	....	2	6	1	41	...	10	G. W. Wheelous	Grissom	4	45	49	35	10	.....
Mountain Creek	24	9	11	10	14	3	243	17	..	W. S. Eakes	Whetstone	8	60	68	50	12	7.77
Mount Harmony	...	..	....	1	..	1	57	...	2	Amos Currin	Berea	6	30	36	25	12	2.50
Mount Zion	3	8	....	2	6	..	222	3	..	J. J. Meadows	Berea	7	100	107	75	12	60.00
New Light	3	1	1	1	4	2	139	...	2	.....	.....	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Olive Branch	14	1	5	3	10	1	140	6	..	E. D. Jones	Virgilina, Va	6	60	66	65	12	27.60
Olive Grove	3	..	4	..	2	..	65	5	..	.....	.....	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Oxford	31	1	10	1	13	1	244	21	..	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	18	180	198	100	12	109.35
Peace Chapel	2	..	....	..	2	..	35	...	..	.....	.....	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Pleasant Grove	20	5	11	1	11	..	79	24	..	S. J. Rogers	Mount Energy	10	35	45	35	..	.....
Poplar Creek	25	1	1	1	1	1	142	24	..	A. C. Parham	Oxford	8	33	41	33	12	17.57
Providence	7	1	....	1	..	2	103	...	3	J. H. Penticost	Roxboro	7	74	81	50	12	.....
Rock Spring	12	..	9	3	6	..	53	12	..	C. Gordon	Woodsworth	8	60	68	27	10	17.00
Roxboro	2	..	13	..	12	..	95	3	..	T. H. Street	Roxboro	9	73	82	44	12	47.21
Snow Hill	...	..	....	..	..	..	....	...	..	.....	.....	..	....	....	..	..	.....
State Line	...	1	6	4	1	2	97	...	..	W. S. Gordon	Soudan, Va	10	57	67	30	12	8.30
Stovall	27	2	6	1	7	1	132	26	..	J. S. Royster	Stovall	7	76	83	..	12	10.13
Tally Ho	31	..	2	2	4	..	175	27	..	S. T. Washington	Stem	8	40	48	30	9	.....
Mill Creek	...	5	4	4	8	1	159	...	4	J. L. Gentry	Allensville	7	43	50	30	12	10.00
Total	371	57	118	..	75	39	3581	293	57	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	EDUCATION.		FOR'N MISS'NS		HOME MISS'NS		ORPHANAGE.		STATE MISS'NS		Poor.	Pastor's Salary	Church Exp'n's	Other Expenses
		Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.	Forwarded	Received.				
Amis Chapel.	1.50	12.48	....	21 70	.....	10.82	.....	6.78	.....	10.50	.....	8.77	200.00	58.00	
Antioch	1.50	13.85	....	12.75	4.45	11.50	.....	15.75	.....	10.05	.....	11.00	150.00	10.50	
Bethel.....	1.50	159.50	....	48.70	.50	27.31	.....	14.25	6.75	.....	13.13	.....	200.00	47.15	
Bethany..	1.00	2 60	....	....	1.55	.....	1.75	.....	2.42	2.25	....	.....	125.00	24.75	
Corinth	1.50	....	....	14.29	.....	3.90	.....	2.00	.....	....	....	13.80	125.00	19.06	7.50
Concord.....	1.50	....	....	18.95	.....	7.83	.....	16.85	.....	....	....	....	150.00	.....	
Enon	.70	....	8.00	.....	21.09	....	14.00	.....	15.05	....	12.90	....	250 00	104.63	
" S. S....	....	....	....	12.00	8.61	....	.....	3.53	.39	....	.....	....	.....	500.00	
Florence Ave.	2.00	..	....	.....	6.99	....	6.99	.....	.....	....	.....	....	125.00	.....	
F. R. Union..	.65	9.01	....	12.30	.....	5.65	....	20.50	.....	....	8.23	....	150 00	80.00	10.50
Fellowship. ..	1.50	....	...	....	5.50	.....	5.50	....	.....	....	6.00	7.00	100.00	35.86	
Grassy Cr'k...	1.25	7.00	....	....	6.70	4.00	.....	2.50	5.00	6.00	.....	1.50	200.00	.....	15.00
" S. S	....	....	....	....	3.19	....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	
Hester's.....	1.55	....	5.25	....	17.85	....	7.87	.....	4.90	.....	11.28	10.00	200.00	.....	16.00
" S. S.	....	....	....	22.46	5.00	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.00	9.50
Island Cr'k...	2.00	9.60	....	82.88	....	10.65	.....	.....	.....	29.30	.....	15.00	200.00	.....	
" S S.	....	....	....	.. .	....	.....	.....	9.73	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	
Mary's Chapel	.50	....	....	....	....	.....	.75	....	.58	.....	.75	....	.....	20.00	
M't'n Creek...	1.50	....	....	41.91	....	14.37	....	....	.....	16.45	....	21.90	250.00	.....	
" S S.	....	...	....	5.00	....	.....	....	...	2.77	....	....	....	.....	.....	
Mt. Harmony.	.50	....	. ..	3.00	....	3.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	45.00	

Mt. Zion. ...	1.35	.....	23.00	.....	32.90	22.68	.....	.....	11.50	.....	23.25	20.50	275.00	19.30	
" S S.	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	34.99	25.01	....	.....	....	....	....	....	
Slaughter F'd.	....	.....	.....	124.56	....	....	....	....	....	124.55	....	. .	....	....	
Mill Creek...	1.50	5.60	5.60	8.67	....	8.67	....	....	....	12.50	....	....	175.	30.	
New Light...	1.00	.....	.....	.. ...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Olive Branch.	1.50	.....	11.00	15.00	....	...	11.	....	11.16	16.50	....	....	....	....	
Olive Grove..	1.00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.50	....	.75	....	.75	.. :	50.	....	
Oxford.....	2.50	15.00	.....	60.07	..	26.62	....	40.	....	15.45	....	27.72	1200.	380.	3206.66
" W.M.S.	....	.....	.....	47.36	....	6.48	....	....	....	11.18	....	....	....	....	
" S. S..	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	3.27	....	....	....	....	....	....	90.07
Providence ..	1.25	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	125.	11.25	
Pleas't Grove.	1.50	.....	.....	....	5.	....	5.	....	4.	....	5.	....	....	....	
Peace Chapel.	1.00	.....	.....	....	.....	3.25	1.	....	...	....	....	....	65.	10.	
Poplar Cr'k...	1.20	.....	6.60	....	13.30	....	7.	5.	18.25	....	14.60	....	....	....	40.01
" S S.	....	.....	....	....	6.28	....	....	5.	....	....	6.29	....	200.	....	
Rock Spr'g...	1.00	10.20	....	25.00	....	3.40	...	3.40	....	10.73	....	6.40	....	40.50	
" S S.	....	.... .	....	.75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60.	....	
Roxboro.	2.00	37.40	....	57.16	...	25.	....	....	35.85	42 45	....	5.25	....	....	28.13
" L. A.S	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7.50	....	....	....	400.	....	
" S S.	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.	....	14.27	....	....	....	....	
State Line. ..	2.00	5.90	....	5.95	....	4.02	....	....	....	7.45	....	....	....	102.97	
" S S.	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	8.30	....	....	. ..	....	150.	....	
Stovall.....	1.50	5.00	....	30.	....	5.	....	6.31	....	8.53	....	14.72	....	47.85	
Tally Ho... .	1.20	.....	2 00	....	2.20	...	2.25	....	1.85	....	....	24.19	150.	55.	
" S S.	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	2.02	....	....	....	175.	....	
Total....		293.14	61.45	670.46	140.48	204.15	98.60	188.18	130.74	338.16	102.18				

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST-OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. W. Downey	Buchanan	First Snnday and Saturday before
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mount Tirzah	Second " " "
Bethany	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	B. V. Riggs	Moriah	" " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	Third " " "
Concord	W. R. Cullum	Creedmoor	J. D. Clark	Lyons	Second " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	A. A. Overton	Clay	Second " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	F. Y. Currin	Oxford	Fourth " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	T. H. Perry	Beck	Third " " "
Flat River Union	W. R. Cullum	Creedmoor	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	Fourth " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	Fourth " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Second " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Third " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	J. T. Gentry	Allensville	Fourth " " "
Mountain Creek	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone	Third " " "
Mount Harmony	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	T. K. Jones	Surl	Fourth " " "
Mount Zion	C. A. Jenkens	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Hargrove	First " " "
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	Third " " "
New Light	Jodoe Wheelous	Grissom	W. D. Peed	Rogers' Jtore	Second " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin	Oxford	Every Sunday, morning and night
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock	Sec'd Sunday and Saturday before
Olive Grove	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom	E. A. Perry	Rogers' Store	Third " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	W. D. Hester	Hester's	First " " "
Peace Chapel	K. C. Horner	Horner's	H. F. Jeffress	Kittrell	Fourth " " "
Foplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Carlton	First " " "
Providence	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	H. J. Whitt	Roxboro	First
Roxboro	J. H. Lambeth	Roxboro	R. H. Dowdy	Roxboro	Second and fourth Sundays.
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. R. Turner	Townesville	Fo'th Sunday and Saturday before
State Line	T. W. Greer	Hanford, Va.	T. A. Royster	Bullock	First " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. S. Royster	Stovall	Second " " "
Snow Hill	J. E. Montague	Allensville			Every Sunday.
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	T. J. Smith	Stem	Third " " "
Florence Avenue	Thomas W. Greer	Hanford, Va.	William D. Amis.	Virgilina, Va.	Fourth " " "

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each Church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the Churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballott at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.
8. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of Constitution and Laws.

REV. E. F. BEACHUM.

Your committee appointed to prepare an Obituary notice of Bro. Beachum, feels that nothing better can be done than to present the following from the "North Carolina Baptist Almanac:"

Died, in Franklin Co.,N.C. Sept, 13th,1891,Rev. E. F. Beachum, aged about seventy-two years. Bro. Beachum was a native of Camden Co., N. C.; was educated at Wake Forest College, and first served as pastor in Chatham County, N. C., at May's Chapel. After two or three years of faithful and most acceptable labor, he removed to Granville Co. in 1859, and became pastor of Oxford and Tab's Creek churches for three or four years. Afterwards he removed to the country and for many years was the beloved pastor of many prominent churches in the Flat River Association. During his ministry he resided for a few years in Franklin Co., but preached mostly to Granville churches. The best part of his life and work was spent in the Flat River Association, where he was greatly honored and beloved.

After graduation he married Miss Sallie Cook, of Franklin Co., who with three daughters survive him.

He was buried in the family burying ground on the Raleigh & Gaston R. R., about one mile south of Tar River Bridge, under a large sugar maple, a most suitable resting place for one who well merited by his gentleness and amiability the honored name of "The beloved disciple."

He was in death perfectly conscious, and the victory was so triumphant that those around him thought and said; "If this is death, why should we dread to die?"

Thus has passed away a devoted husband and father,a brother of singular goodness, and great usefulness, and a servaut of the Master who was pure and faithful in life, and triumphant in death.

By request, the sincere thanks of the family are hereby offered the friends of the deceased for many acts of kindness."

J. A. STRADLEY, Com.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

ONE-HUNDREDTH SESSION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Zion Church, Granville County, N. C.

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1893.

A. C. PARHAM, Moderator, - - Oxford, N. C.
J. G. BLALOCK, Clerk, - - Culbreth, N. C.
H. M. SHAW, Treasurer, - - - Oxford, N. C.

Roxboro, N. C.,
Noell Bros., Printers and Publishers,
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MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Names.	*Post Offices.*	
Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers Store,	N. C.
" J. A. Beam,	Bethell Hill,	"
" J. G. Blalock,	Culbreth,	"
" R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
" F. W. Green,	Hanford,	Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	N. C.
" T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	"
" K. C. Horner,	Horner's,	"
" C. A. Jenkins,	Oxford,	"
" J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	"
" R. H. Marsh, D. D.,	Oxford,	"
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
" G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro,	"
" W. F. Watson,	Roxboro,	"
" J. W. Wheelous,	Grissom,	"
" A. A. Butler,	Durham,	"
" C. R. Hairfield,	Graystone,	Va.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. C. T. Ball,	Dabney,	N. C.
" T. J. Hudson,	Bethel Hill,	"
" T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing,	"
" W. P. Davis,	Wake Forest,	"
" E. Y. Pool,	Bethel Hill,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

August 15th, 1893.

The Flat River Association meets in its one hundredth annual session with Mt. Zion Baptist church. The Centennial Address is delivered by Rev. R. I. Devin.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The moderator, A. C. Parham, calls the association to order, and after reading, prayer is offered by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. The moderator appointed Bretheren H. M. Shaw and J. W. Noell reading clerks, after which the roll of churches is called, their letters read, and delegates duly enrolled, viz:

Amis Chapel—W. T. Chandler, J. W. Chandler, R. W. Downey.
Antioch—G. W. Denny, W. W. Jordan, S. B. Trimmer.
Bethany—James Copley, B. V. Rriggs, R. J. Day.
Bethel—G. D. Neal, S. P. Gentry, George E. Woody.
Concord—S. F. Lyon, *Ralph Currin, W. H. Waller.
Corinth—E. T. Pittard, S. W. Knott, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—B. F. Hester, J. S. Hobgood, P. H. Royster.
Fellowship—J. R. O'Briant, *S. H. Currin, *T. D. Cannady.
F. R. Union—E. H. Veazy, M. W. B. Veazy, Charlie Wheler.
Florence Avenue—Rufus Amis, *J. J. Drumwright, *J. J. Gillis.
Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, *J. M. Pittard, C. B. Wilkinson.

Those marked thus * were not present during the association.

Hester's—W. J. Royster, S. R. Pucket, S. R. Howard.
Island Creek—D. L. Woody, R. A. Norwood, P. T. Sneed.
Mill Creek—R. W. Pugh, L. B. Chandler, W. T. Whitt.
Mountain Creek—W. W. Hart, R. W. Adcock, Ben. Knott.
Mt. Harmony—Amos Currin, Simeon Bumpass, D. W. Knott.
Mt. Zion—I. N. Day, A. D. Frazier, P. Meadows.
Mary's Chapel—*J. W. Wheelous, J. G. Allen, *G. W. Wheelous.
New Light—*A. B. Lassiter, L. A. Wilson, *A. D. Nichols.
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, E. T. Rawlins, B. S. Royster.
Olive Branch—E. Y. Pool, J. P. Stovall, T. N. Oakley.
Olive Grove—*E. M. Perry, *Alfred Keith, *Thomas Shearon.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, *S. J. Rogers, M. P. Adcock.
Peace Chapel—J. C. Wilson, J. T. Phelps, *W. B. Dickerson.
Poplar Creek—W. N. Critcher, A. C. Parham, O. H. Parham.
Providence—J. H. Yarborough, B. L. Gravett.
Roxboro—T. H. Street, J. W. Noell, F. L. Woody.
Rock Springs—No letter.
State Line—J. B. V. Tunstall, W. P. Yancey, H. H. Averett.
Stovall—Amos Dean, J. T. C. Norwood, L. G. O'Briant.
Snow Hill—No letter.
Tally Ho—*G. W. Duncan, G. W. Royster, S. N. Longmire.

The moderator having announced the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following are duly elected: A. C. Parham, moderator; J. G. Blalock, clerk, and H. M. Shaw, treasurer.

The following visiting bretheren are recognized and welcomed to our midst: Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Cor. Sec. of the education board; Prof. W. B. Royall, D. D., of Wake Forest College; J. C. Cadell, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. D. W. Herring, China; Rev. R. T. Bryan, China; Rev. C. Durham, Cor. Sec. of the State mission board; J. H. Mills, Baptist orphanage; R. Van Deventer, of the Tar River Association, and Rev. J. T. Love, of Suffolk, Va.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Programme—J. A. Stradley, T. H. Street; Periodicals—W. F. Watson, W. T. Chandler, W. W. Downey; State Missions—J. A. Beam, W. A. Copley, Geo. Woody; Education—G. T. Watkins, Ralph Currin, J. B. Elliot; Home Missions—T. J. Horner, M. B.

Veazy, R. A. Norwood; Foreign Missions—J. A. Stradley, J. W. Noell, I. M. Day; Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood, W. D. Peed, W. A. Hester; Sunday School—B. S. Royster, R. Amis, L. A. Wilson; Temperance—B. T. Winston, J. P. Stovall, E. M. Perry. Place and Preacher—J. S. Hobgood, W. N. Critcher, W. D. Yancey; Associational Schools—T. H. Street, Amos Dean, G. W. Duncan.

By motion of Bro. Marsh the association decides to appoint an associational executive board and the moderator appoints the following bretheren, F. P. Hopgood, B. F. Hester and Lawson Knott. Bro. J. A. Stradley reads a report on order of business which is adopted. Moderator appoints Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Zion church as a committee on religious exercises. The report on education is called for and Bro. G. T. Watkins reads a report which after being discussed by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Prof. W. B. Royall, Prof. F. P. Hopgood and Rev. J. A. Beam is adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The churches composing the Flat River Association, have great reason to rejoice in having in their midst Oxford Female College, Bethel Hill Institute, at Bethel Hill, N. C., and especially have we ground for rejoicing in our college at Wake Forest, the work of which is so thorough, and which has been so greatly blessed of God. To our own college we recommend our people to send their boys.

The board of education aided thirty-eight young men studying for the ministry at the college last year. As many more asked for help but for want of means it could not be granted. About forty are looking to the board for aid next session, but from the present outlook it would be unwise to promise help to even half that number. No agency of the Baptist State convention has done more to advance the cause of truth and to give prestige to our denomination in the state than the education board.

G. T. WATKINS,
J. B. ELLIOT, } Committee.

The report on periodicals is called for and Bro. W. F. Watson submits the following, which is adopted after being discussed by Brothers W. F. Watson and J. C. Cadell.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

For 60 years the Biblical Recorder has been the authorized organ of the Baptist hosts of North Carolina, and through all the years of its past history it has never rendered more efficient service than during the associational year closing with this session. Your committee would recommend that the association request each pastor within its bounds to use his untiring efforts for its increased circulation, and modestly suggest to the editor that more important matter, to the denomination, fill the space now occupied, frequently, by carping criticism from bretheren of pugilistic tendencies. Charity and Children tells every week of the progress of the orphan work and should find its way into every Baptist family in the State. The pastor who earnestly endeavors to do his duty, finds it difficult to circulate the papers mentioned, as he could desire, for various reasons, and would suggest that for our people, facts relative to Foreign and Home Missions be supplied through the columns of the Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WATSON,
W. T. CHANDLER, } Committee.
G. W. DENNY,

The association adjourns to meet Wednesday at 9 :30 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, 9 :30 A. M.

After devotional exercises by Rev. T. J. Horner, association met in regular session at 9: 30 o'clock, A. M. Rev. R. H. Marsh moves that the address of Rev. R. I. Devin be published in our minutes, which motion is carried.

The following report on the Orphanage is next read by Prof. F. P. Hobgood:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist of N. C. have, near Thomasville, three hundred and nine acres of land that cost about fifteen dollars per acre. We have buildings worth at least twenty-five thousand dollars. These consist of four dwelling houses, four eating houses, one nursery, one infermary, one building containing offices, one bath-house, besides barns etc.

During the last year one hundred and thirty children were fed, clothed and educated; and their condition is proof that they have been well cared for in every way.

The officers in charge consist of general manager, at the salary of seventy five dollars per month and his board; four teachers at salaries of twenty five dollars per month each, four matrons at salaries of twelve and a half dollars, a foreman of the farm at a salry of fifteen dollars per month and a treasurer, who also edits Charity and Children and teaches at a salary of fifty dollars per month. During the last year the receipts in cash from the state at large for current expenses were about seven thousand dollars of which sum twenty one churches of this association contributed $179.85, eleven of them contributing nothing at all. The last year was a hard one on the orphans, more have needed help than usual, and many are now applying for admission, who have to be refused because of the lack of funds. In view of the unprecedented scarcity of money and of the abundance of provisions of all kinds, the committee recommended to the churches to forward supplies of wheat, corn, meat etc.

F. P. HOPGOOD,
W. D. PEED,
W. A. HESTER, } Committee.

Remarks are made by Bretheren F. P. Hopgood, J. H. Mills and C. Durham. A collection is taken for the orphans amounting to $10.02, after which the report was adopted.

The hour for Foreign Missions having arrived, Rev. J. A. Stradley reads the following report, which after being discussed by Bretheren W. D. Herring, R. L. Bryan, and R. Van Deventer, is adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recognizing the binding force of Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," the Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and Japan. In these fields North China has twenty missionaries. The Southern Baptist Convention has in these fields 98 missionaries, 79 native helpers, 75 churches with a membership of 2.923—383 were baptized last year; $5,360 were contributed last year by these christians to religious work in their own lands. Nearly nineteen hundred years ago Christ and his apostles began missionary work. This work was well nigh blotted out by the blighting power of Roman catholicism. But one hundred years ago William Carey, of England, revived this blessed work. Its progress has been very encouraging. In the last 30 years christian converts have increased 1,800 per cent. in China. A continuance of the same increase will in the next 30 years give 90,000,000 of converts there. 50 years ago one room held all the christian converts. Now there are 50,000. 50

years ago the christian world was praying for China to be opened to missionaries, now they are praying for 1,000 more missionaries to enter the open doors. Missions has prospered as much, and even more in other foreign countries.

Our people need to read the Bible, good books, and religious papers in order to learn their duty to this great work. We should support it more heartily by our prayers and contributions. We heartily approve of the judicious and wise manner in which the Foreign Mission Board has managed this great work.

J. A. STRADLEY,
J. W. NOELL, } Committee.
ISAAC N. DAY,

The association adjourns for dinner after which to assemble for preaching by Rev. W. F. Watson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After preaching the report on State Missions is called for and Rev. J. A. Beam reads the following which is adopted after remarks by Rev. C. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We greatly rejoice over the progress of State Missions in our State. But we are grieved to find that the churches of Flat River Association have fallen back over two hundred dollars, not contributing half as much as they did last year. This should make us blush and stimulate us to nobler work in the future.

The State Mission Board has employed about 100 missionaries this year. This number falls far below the great demand for missionaries in the destitute portions of our State. In fact we feel that we are only playing at state missions when we lift up our eyes and look on the fields, white already to harvest and find the laborers so few.

As your committee we heartily recommend the two resolutions adopted by the Baptist State Convention of 1892, to every member of this association.

Resolved, That State Missions is a work of vital and transcendant importance and should be wisely and vigorously prosecuted by our board until a self-sustaining Baptist church shall be established in easy reach of every person in North Carolina.

Resolved 2nd. That in order to carry out the above resolution as speedily as possible, every association, every church and individual member be urged to aid liberally in this work by their prayers and contributions. May the Lord help us carry out

these resolutions and do our whole duty as followers of our Master.

Respectfully,

J. A. BEAM,
GEO. E. WOODY, } Committee.
W. H. CORLEY,

The report on Associational Schools is called for and in absence of the chairman the report is read by C. A. Jenkins. After discussion by F. P. Hopgood and J. A. Beam is adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOLS.

It is impossible for us to over estimate the value of good schools. And it affords us much pleasure to know that in the bounds of our association we have two schools of high grade, one, Oxford Female Seminary and the other Bethel Hill Institute.

The Seminary for girls, at Oxford enjoyed last year a high degree of prosperity. The number of boarding students was nearly double the number of the previous year. Many valuable improvements has been made since our last session and it seems to be on a new era of prosperity.

Bethel Hill Institute for both sexes is on a prosperous career, as to increase of students and thorough work, and has recently obtained the services, (as an addition to its faculty) Mrs. T. Anna Harrison, one of the best female teachers in the State and we feel safe in recommending either of the above mentioned schools, in fact, we urge upon Baptists to patronize Baptist schools, especially our home schools.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. STREET,
AMOS DEAN, } Committee.
G. W. DUNCAN,

Bev. R. H. Marsh introduces the following resolution and by motion is adopted.

Resolved. That hereafter arrangements for preaching during the session of the association be requested by the churches entertaining the body.

R. H. MARSH.

On motion the association adjourned to meet Thursday 9:30 A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises by Rev. G. T. Watkins the association is called to order by moderator. Roll of delegates is called and absentees noted. The proceedings of Tuesday and Wed-

nesday are read and approved: By motion all speeches are limited to five minutes for the day. The report on Home Missions not being ready that on Sunday Schools is called for and Bro. R. Amis reads the following which after being discussed by Bretheren R. Amis, J. J. Lansdell, J. A. Beam, J. A. Stradley, G. T. Watkins, D. W. Herring, J. J. Meadows, R. H. Marsh, S. Knott, T. H. Street, J. C. Cadell, B. T. Winston, is adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Experience has established the truth of the saying that "the Sabbath School is the nursery of the church," but for some cause the interest of our church members has seemed to decline in this important branch of christian effort. We note that there are five of the thirty-two churches composing this association, which report no Sabbath Schools, and we reccommend that the bretheren of these churches be encouraged in some way, to organize schools without further delay and that the churches which have schools be urged to more zealously prosecute and enlargen this great foundation work of the churches.

R. AMIS,
B. S. ROYSTER, } Committee.
J. C. WILSON,

The report on Preacher, Time and Place is called for and the following submitted and adopted.

Your committee recommends the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Mountain Creek church, Granville County, N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1894. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. F. Watson.

J. S. HOPGOOD,
W. N. CRITCHER, } Committee.

By motion of Bro. Marsh Rev. D. W. Herring is requested to preach after the association adjourns. The clerk reads the treasurers report. By motion Bretheren B. D. Howard, T. H. Street and B. T. Winston are appointed as a committee to arrange for the fifth Sunday meetings.

By motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood Rev. R. H. Marsh is requested to prepare and hand to the clerk a report on Home Missions to be bound in the minutes.

HOME MISSIONS

This is a department of the mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board entrusted with it is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Gov. Wm. J. Northern as President, and a vice-president from each of the Southern States. Rev. I. T. Tichenor is Corresponding Secretary.

The number of missionaries employed last year was 368. Of these 20 were located in West North Carolina, the rest in the Southern States, the District of Columbia, Indian Territory and Cuba. The receipts for the year were $106,989.58, of which $29,373.40 were expended in church building. The Woman's Missionary Union conducted by the sisters in our churches contributed to the treasury of our Home Missions during the past year $26,283.97. The work among the colored people is slowly but steadily growing in interest and success. The need of strengthening this part of our work is well set forth in an article from the pen of Rev. J. B. Gambrell, one of the foremost men and ministers of the South. He says:

"Multitudes of peoples speaking strange tongues will flow into this Southland. At first the Nothern man with American ideas will come, but he will be followed by men from every nation under heaven. To prepare for, meet and christianize these millions is the work of the Home Board. Along the mountain fastnesses of the Virginias, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama and the great coming cities of the South the battles are to be fought within a generation which will decide the spiritual destiny of this country a thousand years, as human affairs run. Nor is this the whole of it. The great number and strength of the Baptist of the South, through our Home Board, must be turned on the millions of lost souls in the North who are overbearing our Northern brethren. This is a defensive measure, since these people are to greatly affect our common country.

"There never was a time when we needed broader, deeper, more far-reaching plans fo our Home Board than now."

The report on Temperance is called for and Brother B. T. Winston reads the following which is adopted after discussion by Bretheren B. T. Winston, R. Amis, J. J. Lansdell, P. Meadows, R. H. Marsh, W. F. Watson, J. A. Beam, F. P. Hobgood, S. Knott and J. A. Stradley.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the christian virtues and should be practiced at all times, especially in the use of intoxicating drinks.

It is a lamentable fact that many of our church members frequently visit barrooms and saloons, thereby bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ. Such conduct should be discountenanced, and every effort made by the better class of christians to stop such a practice. Drunkenness is a sin that has given our churches more trouble than any one thing.

B. T. WINSTON,
J. P. STOVALL, } Committee.
E. N. PERRY,

The moderator appoints Rev. W. F. Watson delegate to this Southern Baptist Convention, and as delegates to this State Convention Bretheren J. M. Phipps, G. T. Watkins and Geo. W. Wright. By motion of Prof. F. P. Hopgood the clerk is allowed $15.00 for his service, the remainder of the money to be paid out according to the wish of the several churches. Bro. B. F. Hester moves that we withdraw fellowship from New Light church, which motion is tabled. By motion of Rev. R. H. Marsh, the association extends a rising vote of thanks to the members of Mt. Zion church and citizens of the community for their elegant hospitality.

There being no other business the association, after prayer by Rev. T. J. Horner, adjourns to meet with Mountain Creek church, Granville County, N. C., Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1894.

A. C. PARHAM, MODERATOR.
JOSEPH. G. BLALOCK, CLERK.

CENTENNIAL ADDRESS.

BY REV. R. I. DEVIN.

Inasmuch as the Flat River Association is a lineal descendant of the Roanoke Association, and as it is natural and praiseworthy to desire to know something of our ancestors, it will not, I imagine, be considered inappropriate to call up some interesting facts gathered from Semple's History of Virginia Baptists, which occurred about the time when this Association was organized.

The Roanoke Association was struck off from the Middle District at Mossingford, Charlotte Co., Va., May, 1788.

The Roanoke held its first session at Watkin's meeting house, Halifax Co., Va., October 1788. Its second session was held at Grassy Creek, May 1789. Letters were received from twenty churches, the state of which, with few exceptions, was prosperous; but the state of religion soon became adverse, coldness and declension prevailed for a number of years. From 1790 to 1800, Zion was in a languid condition. The number of baptisms in all the churches (36 in number) was few, 8 one year, 20 another, and so on. It may be profitable for us to pause a moment and inquire into the cause of such sad declension and what measure they adopted to arouse themselves from their lethargy.

1. Inefficiency of the ministry—A number of their watchmen fell, others stumbled, while the most of them departed from the most profitable mode of preaching. They harped on controverted points and opinions, harangued on mysterious subjects and unrevealed points, spiritualizing the scriptures, instead of proclaiming the Gospel in its purity and simplicity. In additon many preachers of influence and ability had moved West and Southwest.

2. Desire for worldly possession and honor.

The result of the Revolutionary war, so salutary upon the outward condition of the Baptists, was unfavorable to piety. The opening of trade and the opportunities for acquiring wealth had the tendency of quenching religious zeal and secularizing the minds of christians. They neglected their church and associational meetings, and general declension prevailed.

What measures did they adopt to promote a spirit of revival?

"Frequent days of fasting and prayer were appointed and observed, through the churches to bewail their declension and strive for a revival. In 1797 they laid off two districts and appointed two ministers and two laymen for each, to travel through the churches, to examine into their state and standing, to stir them up to duty, and inquire if there was not some accursed thing in the camp, that caused the frowns of the Lord upon the armies of Israel. This measure was faithfully executed; and at the next association the church letters expressed great approbation of its beneficial effects. In 1798, a query was sent from one of the churches proposing an examination of the ministers as to the performance of their duties. The examination was agreed to; and each minister rose up in his place and rehearsed his exercises. Some, with great contrition, acknowledged their neglect and promised future diligence. It was a solemn season. This ministerial examination made great changes. It was not a great while after this—the middle of the year 1799—that the dawning of one of the bright days of the son of man appeared." The work of revival spread until hundreds

and thousands of souls were converted and gathered into the churches.

What Dr. Semple said concerning the spiritual condition of the churches composing the Roanoke Association was doubtless, to a very great extent, true in regard to the churches of the Flat River Association, as the latter body was so recently a constituent part of the former and as both bodies were lying so contiguous to each other.

"In 1794, the Roanoke Association met at Catawba, Halifax Co., Virginia. Letters from thirty-six churches were received. The only business transacted at this session worthy of notice was the division of the district. The state line became the boundary between the two districts. The churches in North Carolina were constituted under the name of the Flat River Association." The Roanoke Association at the time of its division contained 3,148 members.

It seems to me, that the above quotation from Semple's History, shows very distinctly that the Flat River Association was virtually organized at Catawba meeting house, Halifax county, Va. It held its first annual session at Gardners meeting house, Warren county, N. C., 1794. The following churches composing the body: Grassy Creek, Tabbs Creek, Shearmans, (now Tar River,) Tanners, Gardners, Eno, Camp Creek, Locks, (Concord,) Cedar Creek, and Neuse (New Light.) I cannot say with certainty that Gardners meeting house was the place where the first annual session of the association was held, but the old records of Grassy Creek church show that delegates were appointed to attend the association, which was to convene with Gardners church in 1794, therefore, by construction, I can, I think, safely say, that the first annual session of the Flat River Association was held at Gardners meeting house, Warren county, N. C., in 1794. The association as then organized, consisting of ten churches, included a considerable area of territory, taking within its bounds the counties of Granville, Warren, Franklin, Wake and Orange, retaining a membership of about eight hundred.

The association moved on peaceably, onjoying a good degree of prosperity for 12 years. The churches had doubled themselves and the membership was probably more than doubled. Their ministers were Thos. Vass, George Roberts, Thos. Gardner, John Sanders, David Lawson, Wm. Rowen, Roland Cooke, Jas. Ferril, Jas. Weathers, Wm. Moore, Richard Martin, Bazillia Graves and others. A number of able and respectable ministers of the gospel and also many efficient laymen were members of the association, but as their biographies have been neglected little can be said of them. One of the most active and successful preachers among them was Elder George Roberts, a native of Va., who after laboring in the ministry a number of years in his native

state moved to N. C. about 1770 and settled in the county of Orange. He frequently acted as moderator of the association. He was a strong man.

In this connection, it would seem to be very appropriate to call up the names of the ministers, not elsewhere mentioned, who labored more or less extensively, at different periods of time, through churches of our association and who have gone in the spirit land to reap their reward. A considerable number of whom were eminent preachers of the gospel. Elders Robt. T. Daniel, Elijah Battle, Wm. B. Worrell, Thos. D. Mason, G. Allen, Thos. Crocker, Robt. McNabb, Josiah Crudup, W. A. Atkinson, Samuel Wait, Wm. H. Jordan, W. M. Wingate, T. W. Walters, Jas. T Purifoy, G. W. Purifoy, E. F. Beacham, Jas. P. Montague, John E. Montague, A. D. Blackwood, Henry Spring, J. H. Layton, Patrick H. Smith, M. D. Freeman, Thos. Young, Conelius F. Humphries and others.

At the session of the Flat River Association which was held at Gardner's meeting house in Warren county, May 1806, some ten churches were dismissed to form the County Line Association. The churches were located in the counties of Orange, Person, Caswell, and Rockingham—occupying a large area.

The Flat River Association, being reduced to 10 churches with between 8 and 9 hundred memmbers, met the first time, after striking off the churches to form the County Line Association, at Tanner's meeting house in Warren county, July 1806.

The following table will show the number of churches and membership remaining after the other churches were dismissed to form the County Line Association.

Grassy Creek, 113; Enoe, 100; Tabb's Creek, 60; Camp Creek, 39; Tar River, 35; Locks (Concord) 33; Tanners, 210; Cedar Creek, 53; Gardners, 90; Neuse (New Light) 98. The association in its early movements held semi annual sessions. They were continued for a number of years, but at length, the bretheren were content to have only one session during the year, which obtains to the present time.

ANTIMISSION TROUBLE.

The churches moved on in great harmony till about the year 1830, when the Baptist denomination began to be more fully awakened to the imperative duty, which was binding on all the followers of Christ, to put forth efforts to spread the gospel over the earth. As the spirit of missions was arousing our people from their dreary slumbers, to take hold of, and engage actively in the great work of evangelization, some four churches, influenced by anti-mission leaders, split asunder. The majority of

these churches turned in bitter hostility against the cause of missions and fought vigorously every enterprise in which christians were engaged to carry out the great mission of the Savior to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. After wrangling for a time they fell into the ranks of the anti-missionaries, and the churches of Flat River Association were left to go forward in peace and harmony.

The churches which went off with the anti-missionaries, were Tar River, Camp Creek, Eno and Cedar Creek. A number of the bretheren and sisters, belonging to those churches embracing the cause of missions were excommunicated. These outcasts for the gospel's sake were afterward at several points, gathered and organized into Missionary Baptist churches—Mt. Zion, Flat River Union, and probably other churches, which was so disastrious to our common zion in various sections of the land.

THE CHURCH ETC.

In 1846, nearly fifty years ago, the association embraced 18 churches, containing 2350 members. Probably of this number, about one third were colored, and if so, then the white membership was between 1,500 and 1,800. At that time, six churches were destitute of pastors Two of the churches have since become extinct. Four of the churches were dismissed to join other associations—leaving only twelve of the old stock standing. Fifteen new churches organized since 1864 and one old one have been added to the association, making the present number of churches 28, with a membership aggregating (all white or nearly so) 3,248.

MINISTRY.

When I came into the association in 1846, 47 years ago, there were only four ordained ministers actively engaged in the work of preaching the gospel, namely; Elders James King, Elijah Hester, William Jones and Wm. E. Oakley. There were several licentiates some of whom in a few years were set apart to the full work of the ministry.

Elder James King was a lovely character whose labors were abundantly blest in the conversion of sinners. His education was quite limited, but by reading good books and study, he gathered up considerable amount of valuable information. He was well versed in the Scriptures.

Elder Elijah Hester was a man of undoubted piety and of good common sense, but he enjoyed little educational advantages. Before entering the ministry he represented his county in the legislature very acceptably. He filled the chair of the moderator of the association efficiently for many years at its annual sessions.

Elder Wm. Jones was a good and useful man—a man of excellent spirit—and greatly beloved by all the churches which he had served as pastor. His ministry was blest with many precious revivals of religion. He graduated at Wake Forest College in 1839.

Elder W. E. Oakley was a pious man, but of moderate abilities and but little education. He served as pastor a number of churches within the bounds of the Flat River Association, and was instrumental in doing good in the Master's vineyard, but he impaired his usefulness as a preacher by engaging in the practice of medicine and in preaching long sermons.

There has been wonderful progress in the ministry of the Flat River Association during the last fifty years, in efficiency, intelligence and abilty. The ministry of the Flat River Association at the present time, taken as a whole, will compare favorably with any other association, or body of ministers of like number. I think we have now an able ministry. Thank God for such men.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

In 1846, there was only one church (so far as I could learn and I visited every church in the association,) which paid its pastors as much as one hundred dollars a year for his work. The most of them paid their pastors very little for their services—say, from thirty to fifty dollars a year, from each church, was about the usual amount received for monthly preaching. Some of the churches were aversed to promising any certain amount or stated salary. The preacher they thought, should receive just what the people might without solicitation voluntarily give. Where such a sentiment prevailed, the preacher of course received little or nothing for his labors. Others seemed to think that a minister of the gospel was only a sort of pauper who lived, or ought to live, on charity. Who was to blame that the ministry was so poorly paid? The preachers themselves were in a great measure at fault. They did not fully instruct the people upon the subject of ministerial support. They were so self-sacrificing, and so modest that they did not wish to appear as urging their own claims, by preaching on the subject. They were over cautious in this regard. Great advancement has been made within the last fifty years in many directions, and among these, is the more correct understanding of that scripture, which says, "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The church houses were all inferior buildings. The most of them were mere shells with uncomfortable seats and having no means of warming them in cold weather, with a shed or annex attached for the use of the colored people—their slaves.

I will introduce a few extracts from the diary of a missionary, as a sample, showing how the churches generally stood as to their church accommodations, Sunday Schools etc.

"Preached at,—1846. This is the largest church in the association with 294 members. Their house of worship is a small building with a shed at one end for the colored people. The house is unsealed with bad seats. They have no stove and no Sunday School."

"Preached at.—1846. The meeting house is a very poor concern, a mere shell, bad seats, no stove, no Sunday School, but as usual a shed for the colored people." A marked change has taken place in our church buildings. The old unsightly and uncomfortable shells, called houses of worship, have been torn away, and better and more commodious houses have arisen in their places. Thank God for better houses in which our people can worship Him.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In 1846 there was not a well organized Sabbath School within the bounds of the Flat River Association. Some spasmodic efforts had been made to establish schools by several churches at various points, but they were either very short lived, or turned out to be sad failures. There was no opposition to the Sunday School enterprise, but the bretheren did not realize that there was any obligation resting on them to engage personally in the work. They did not feel that deep interest in the cause which would have prompted them to labor zealously and perseveringly for its success. Indifference prevailed and paralized the energies of the bretheren. But a brighter day dawned upon the association, the churches began to arouse to the importance of the Sunday School enterprise, and the blessed work has prospered until it has brought together a crowd of pious workers, working for the glory of God and the salvation of mankind.

MISSIONS.

The term missions is here used in its extensive import to embrace all the benevolent enterprises in which christians are engaged to hasten the coming and triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom upon the earth. The Flat River Association has ever claimed to be a missionary body. They have prayed for and contributed, to some extent, at least, of their means to promote every good cause, designed to further the gospel and save a ruined world.

But up to half a century ago, the churches had adopted no system of giving—to work without a plan is ineffective and of course, very unsatisfactory in its results—consequently the con-

tributions were not only small but irregular, and uncertain as to when they would come to hand.

Soon after becoming a member of the association, I introduced a resolution which was unanimously adopted, requesting the pastors to take a collection in their respective churches once a year at least, for the different objects of the Baptist State Convention. The brethern began to see more clearly the importance of working according to some definate plan, and contributing systematically. They moved up in that direction and are going forward, doing more and more each rolling year. Giving to the Lord's cause is evidently a means of grace. The bretheren of the Flat River Association have certainly grown considerably in the grace of giving. May they continue to grow until they shall arrive at the highest point of development to which they are capable of attaining.

During the past 100 years, since this association was organized, there has been awakened a spirit of missions among evangelical christians, before unknown in the history of the church, since the primative age of christianity.

In all the lands of evangelical christendom about one hundred important missionary organizations have been established which are engaged in carrying on systematically the work of spreading the gospel. They are making more or less progress and their spheres of operation are gradually widening. The number of missionaries and missionary stations continues to increase from year to year and the number of converts from heathenism is constantly being multiplied. In almost every heathen land known to us, the sound of the gospel is heard, and into more than two hundred languages the bible has been translated. Even the interest of commerce, government, and science, and the power of steam and electricity assist in opening the way for christian missions to the ends of the earth. But we are yet, it would seem, far from that period when the gospel shall be preached to every creature.

The field for christian enterprise is vast and inviting; and the energy with which the work of evangelizing the world should be prosecuted ought to be in some proportion at least to the extent of the field to be cultivated. A beginning has been made. Almost everywhere the way is open for the heralds of the cross. Christian churches have been organized in almost every accessible heathen nation. Thousands of native preachers and pastors are proclaiming to their countrymen in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. Christian civilization and customs are beginning to extend in wider circles, the family and social relations are being elevated, and indeed the great mass of the people, who, as yet, are unawakened by the gospel, is being

imperceptibly brought under its transforming influence, which the leaven of its living power ever imparts. Wherever the gospel is preached to a people, however rude and and barbarous, in demonstration of the spirit and with power, the strongholds of idolatry will be shaken, the customs of life changed and old heathenish immoralities gradually subverted and a new atmosphere created filled with unheathenish if not christian ideas.

Of all the wonderful works and noble enterprises that characterize the present age, the missionary enterprise stands first in the rank of dignity and moral sublimity. But there is no ground whatever given to its friends, supporters and actors to glory; for the great idea is not their own invention, nor its success their own work. The disciples of Jesus are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, but the sublime idea proceeded not from human mind. Its peculiar magnificence bears the seal of its divine origin. Only He to whom the Father gave a name that is above every other name, who, because He was obedient unto death, possesses all power in heaven and in earth, comprehended the giant idea. It is one of those divine thoughts of which the scriptures tell us, that is as high above man's thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth.

Of all the works that God has entrusted to His people that of evangelizing the world is the most sublime. To fill the earth with the knowedge of the glory of God, the blessed gospel, without which there is no salvation, and to to give all mankind an opportunity to obtain righteousness and peace and heaven through a crucified Redeemer, is a great and glorious work. Should not every christian consider it his highest honor to engage in such work and rejoice to be permitted to bear some humble part in restoring this revolted world to its rightful Sovereign and aid in making universal Messiah's reign.

REPORT OF H. M. SHAW, TREASURER FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Education. For'd	Education. Rec'd	For'n Miss. For'd	For'n Miss. Rec'd	Home Miss. For'd	Home Miss. Rec'd	Orphanage. For'd	Orphanage. Rec'd	State Miss. For'd	State Miss. Rec'd	Poor.	Pastor's salary.	Church Expens.	Centen'l Missions	overby's Church	Other Expens.
Amis Chapel	$ 1 50	$ 3 50	$	$ 15 10	$	$ 4 65	$	$	$	$ 11 85	$	$	$200	$ 16 15	$	$	$
Antioch	1 55		3 75	3 00		3 50		10 00		5 00			150	5 00	22 95		
Bethel	1 50	301 50			37 65	25 00		15 60			10 25	5 00	200	21 50			
Bethany	1 00	2 25		4 15			3 55	5 00			2 05		125	72 00			
Corinth	1 50			6 00						3 00			125				
Concord	1 50			5 28				4 08		9 50		5 50	150	14 30	3 75		
Enon	70		5 85		9 39		8 00	5 00	3 90		4 36		250	33 46			
Enon S. S.				5 00	6 25			18 72									
Florence Ave.	1 00												100	50 00			
F. R. Union	1 00			3 70		4 43		4 89			80	10 00	150				
Fellowship	1 65												100	6 00			
Grassy Creek	1 25	7 35			6 38	5 00			4 23		4 00		200	17 00		3 60	
Grassy Creek S. S.																	
Hester's	1 45				5 35		5 00		2 12		5 37		200	15 00			
Hester's S. S.					5 00											6 35	
Island Creek	2 00	6 30		29 58		5 70				19 37			200	25 00			
Island Creek S. S.								6 75									
Mary's Chapel	50						1 00				1 00						
Mountain Creek	1 00			12 00		9 60				13 00			250				
Mountain Creek S. S.									1 43						3 55		
Mt. Harmony	1 00			5 00		3 00			3 65	3 55				11 45			
Mt. Zion	1 75	10 00			28 10	14 00			13 03	15 00	4 10	22 80	275	1615 00			
Mt Zion S. S.						6 35			6 52		6 52						
Slaughter Fund					150 39						150 39						
Mill Creek	1 50	5 34		5 34			3 30		3 30	9 16			200	5 00	5 32		4 55
New Light	1 00																
Olive Branch	1 50	46 25		3 47	18 63		7 00		7 52		5 35	1 03	150	13 00			
Oxford	2 00																
Oxford W. M. S.																	
Oxford S. S.																	
Olive Grove	1 00												50				
Providence	1 25							2 43	1 68								
Pleasant Grove	1 50		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00			4 00			
Peace Chapel	1 00												65	9 55			
Poplar Creek	1 00	2 67			12 83		5 30		10 42		12 22		200	23 70			4 60
Roxboro	2 00	11 10	8 90	17 90	25 65	24 35		33 53	34 85	45 21	12 00	14 77	400	118 00			104 69
State Line	2 00			2 81									150	50 00			
Stovall	1 25			14 00		4 40				12 12			150	13 00			
Tally Ho	75		40		85		40		90		1 15	3 00	175	10 00			
Tally Ho S. S.					2 73			3 50	2 73		4 00						
Total	$89 60	$396 26	$ 19 90	$130 33	$309 60	$115 98	$ 34 55	$109 50	$ 97 28	$146 76	$225 56	$66 10		$2226 80	$35 37	$9 95	$113 84

Rock Spring Church reports baptized 8, education $7, Baptist orphanage $2.75

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	BAPTIZED.	RESTORED.	REC. BY LETTER.	EXCLUDED.	DISMISSED.	DIED.	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.	GAIN.	LOSS.
Amis Chapel	12	1	4	3	5		152		2
Antioch	11	3	4	5	2		76	6	
Bethany	10	1	6	1	3	1	70	12	
Bethel	9	1	2		3		144	9	
Concord			5		7	1	130		3
Corinth	12	1	3	1	2	1	140	18	
Enon			3	1	3	2	135		3
Fellowship	15	1		1	2	2	108	18	
Flat River Union	5	2	3		1	3	146	6	
Florence Avenue			1		1	1	43		1
Grassy Creek	13	3	5	1	27	1	204		8
Hester's	2	1	1	2	15		195		13
Island Creek	12	2	2	1	18	1	200		4
Mary's Chapel				3			38		3
Mountain Creek	8	3		9	9	1	245	2	
Mount Harmony	12	2	3				73	17	
Mount Zion	2	1	5	3	6	1	223		2
New Light	5	1		5	3	2	125		4
Olive Branch	5	1	4	4	2	1	143	3	
Olive Grove	4		2	1			66	5	
Oxford	2		6	2	19	1	230		14
Peace Chapel	6		2	7	1		35		
Pleasant Grove	11	1			1	2	88	9	
Poplar Creek	2	1	3	3	2		146	1	
Providence	1	1	1	6	2	4	98		9
Rock Spring							53		
Roxboro			4		4	2	95		2
Snow Hill									
State Line	11	1	1	4			108	11	
Stovall	2	2	5	2	8		130		1
Tally Ho		1	3		8		168		4
Mill Creek	22	1	5	1	4	4	175		19
Total	194	32	83	66	158	31	3983		54

Flat River Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POSTOFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Av. attendance.	Months.	Collections.
Amis Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanon, N. C.	9	45	35	10	$ 9
Antioch	J. L. Wilkinson	Roxboro	6	49	40	6	3
Bethany	W. H. Copley	Hampton	4	30	23	12	3
Bethel	G. E. Woody	Bethell Hill	8	52	45	12	14
Concord	Ralph Currin	Wilkins	7	46	38	12	5
Corinth	J. I. Gordon	Clay	7	60	30	6	
Enon	J. M. Phipps	Oxford	7	85	55	12	30
Fellowship	T. M. Thomasson	Beck	8	75	50	3	6
Flat River Union	S. W. Waller	Knap of Reeds	6	35	50	12	
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Blue Wing	6	44	30	12	4
Grassy Creek	J. M. Pittard	Adoniram	4	40	30	9	
Hester's	Loss Knott	Sunset	8	50	35	12	17
Island Creek	P. B. Sneed	Williamsboro	19	90	80	12	
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom	6	35	40	10	
Mountain Creek	W. T. Eakes	Whetstone	6	40	20	12	4
Mount Harmony	Amos Currin	Berea	5	25			2
Mount Zion	J. J. Meadows	Culbreth	8		48	12	22
Olive Branch	E. D. Jones	Blue Wing	7	60	40	12	9
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	12	192	90	12	69
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Carlton	8		34	12	16
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro	7	60	40	12	4
Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro	10	71	48	12	124
State Line	W. S. Gordon	Soudan, Va.	10	50	45	12	8
Stovall	J. S. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	8	50	35	12	12
Tally Ho	L. M. Duncan	Stems	9	44	30	9	
Mill Creek	J. H. Gentry	Allensville	9	65	49	12	4

PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	J. W. Downey	Buchanon, N. C.	First Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	Second " " " "
Bethany	C. R. Hairfield	Gray Stone, Va.	R. L. Tilly	Hampton	" " " " "
Bethel	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill N C.	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	Third " " " "
Concord	M. P. Davis	Wake Forest	J. D. Clark	Lyons	Second " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	A. A. Overton	Clay	Second " " " "
Enon	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	F. Y. Currin	Oxford	Fourth " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	T. H. Perry	Beck	Fourth " " " "
Flat River Union	A. A. Butler	Durham	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	Fourth " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram	Fourth " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	"	N. J. Puckett	Satterwhite	Second " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	"	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	Third " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro	J. S. Gentry	Allensville	Fourth " " " "
Mountain Creek	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone	Third " " " "
Mount Harmony	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	T. K. Jones	Surl	Fourth " " " "
Mount Zion	C. A. Jenkins	Oxford	E. A. Howard	Culbreth	First " " " "
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	Third " " " "
New Light	Z. W. Wheelous	Grissom	W. D. Peed	Rogers' Store	Second " " " "
Oxford	J. A. Hardaway	Oxford	E. G. Currin	Oxford	Every Sunday morning and night.
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock	Second " and Saturday before.
Olive Grove	Z. W. Wheelous	Grissom	E. A. Perry	Rogers' Store	Third " " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W Atkinson	Rogers' Store	W. A. Hester	Hester's	First " " " "
Peace Chapel	K. C. Horner	Horner's	H. T. Jeffress	Kittrell	Fourth " " " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	C. P. Wright	Carlton	First " " " "
Providence	J. J. Lansdell	Roxboro	H. J. Whitt	Roxboro	First " " " "
Roxboro	W. F. Watson	"	J. W. Noell	"	Second and Fourth Sundays.
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. R. Turner	Townesville	Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
State Line	T. W. Greer	Hanford, Va.	H. Gordon	Soudan, Va.	First " " " "
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	J. S. Royster	Bullock	Second " " " "
Snow Hill	J. E. Montague	Allensville			
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	G. W. Royster	Hargrove, N. C.	Third " " " "
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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the association, and three delegates elected by each church whose election shall be certified in their respective letters,

ART. The object of the association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the the correspondence, and, in the absence of the moderator, call the association to order.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1 Ministers and corresponding members of other associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the association shall be considered disorderly.

9. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of constitution and laws.

MINUTES.

MOUNTAIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
August 14th, 1893.

The Flat River Association convened in its one hundred and first annual session with Mountain Creek Baptist church, Granville County, N. C.

In the absence of Rev. W. F. Watson the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Raleigh, N. C., from Mark 6:48.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator, Brother A. C. Parham, called the Association to order, and after reading the 113th Psalm, prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Hardaway.

The Moderator appointed Brother W. L. Foushee, clerk, and Brethren F. P. Hobgood and B. S. Royster, reading clerks, after which the roll of churches was called, their letters were read and delegates enrolled, viz:

Amis Chapel—A. H. Garner, C. S. Chandler and L. S. Royster.
Antioch—J. W. Denny, *C. W. Reams and C. H. Tapp.
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Bethel—W. P. Howard, A. J. Crutchfield and *W. A. Woody.
Concord—Ralph Currin, *J. L. Lyon and *W. R. Dupree.
Corinth—*J. B. Elliott, D. W. Eakes and Willie Currin.
Enon—B. F. Hester, J. M. Phipps and J. L. Daniel.
Fellowship—No Letter.
Flat River Union—R. Peed, *H. T. Roycroft and E. H. Veazey.
Florence Avenue—J. S. Pool, J. J. Drumwright and J. T. Brooks.

Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, L. A. Royster and J. R. Ragsdale.
Hester's—Lawson Knott, S. F. Badgett and N. J. Puckett.
Island Creek—D. L. Woody, R. A. Norwood and H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen, *T. F. Ross and *G. H. Wheelous.
Mill Creek—*B. F. Gentry, Wm. Wrenn and Geo. Woody.
Mountain Creek—G. W. Watkins, R. S. Eakes and J. D. Ramsey.
Mount Harmony—S. E. Peed, Leonard Vaughan and J. A. Humphries.
Mount Zion—*J. F. Meadows, B. D. Howard and S. T. Puckett.
New Light—*L. B. Mangum, *A. B. Lassiter and *R. T. Keith.
Olive Branch—*J. R. Hayes, J. P. Stovall and E. D. Jones.
Olive Grove—*W. T. Perry, *T. A. Sheron and John Chappel.
Oxford—J. M. Currin, D. I. Wilkerson and B. S. Royster.
Peace Chapel—H. F. Jeffress, *J. W. Chappell and *J. C. Wilson.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, P. S. Fuller and *I. J. Odear.
Poplar Creek—*J. L. Capps, J. U. Fleming and G. W. Wright.
Providence—*G. W. Buchanan, *H. J. Whitt and *B. L. Gravett.
Rock Spring—*L. D. Lloyd, W. T. Harris and A. J. Owen.
Roxboro—T. H. Street, E. D. Cheek and W. L. Foushee.
Snow Hill—No letter.
State Line—J. H. Royster, A. Garrette and W. D. Yancey.
Stovall—J. W. Knott, G. W. Hart and G. O. Brien.
Tally Ho—W. B. Cash, W. F. Washington and W. D. Thomasson.

This being the proper time, the Association went into the election of officers, and the following are duly elected: A. C. Parham, moderator; W. L. Foushee, clerk; H. M. Shaw, treasurer.

The following visiting bretheren were recognized and welcomed to seats among us: J. C. Cadell, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder; John Mitchell, D. D., Cor. Sec. of the education boad; R. Van Deventer, Vice Pres. Foreign Mission board for North Carolina; C. Durham, D. D., Cor. Sec. of State Convention and Pres. board of trustees of Wake Forest College; O. L. Stringfield, Fin. Sec. Baptist Female University.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—G. T. Watkins, J. B. Elliott, W. A. Woody.
State Missions—J. A. Stradley, R. Currin, W. P. Howard.
Education—R. H. Marsh, B. D. Howard, B. F. Hester.
Home Missions—J. S. Hardaway, W. H. Copley, C. W. Reams.
Foreign Missions—H. T. Williams, D. C. Cozart, A. H. Garner.
Orphanage—J. A. Beam, L. Knott, L. A. Royster.
Sunday Schools—T. H. Street, H. T. Roycroft, J. M. Phipps.
Temperance—T. B. Hill, J. A. Humphries, R. F. Knott.
Place and Preacher—H. T. Shanks, G. W. Wright, A. R. Foushee.
Order of Business—F. B. Hobgood, T. H. Street.

* Absent.

Bro. R. H. Marsh introduced the following ministers who have become pastors in this Association since its last annual session: H. T. Williams, J. T. Riddick, J. E. Smith, H. H. Marshburn, E. S. Pierce, and E. Y. Pool.

The report of the committee on Order of Business was read by Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Chairman, and adopted.

On motion of Bro. B. S. Royster, Bro. J. C. Cadell was called on to address the house while waiting for report on Periodicals. He advocated the claim of the Biblical Recorder on this Association as the denominational organ.

The report on Periodicals having been called for, Bro. G. T. Watkins read the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Recognizing the great importance of light upon any subject to properly understand and appreciate it, and believing that God's work is no exception to the rule; also recognizing that our religious periodicals afford one of the best possible means of Christian light, we heartily commend this branch of our work to your earnest support and fostering care. We wish especially to mention the BIBLICAL RECORDER, FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL, HOME FIELD, and Sunday School Literature—those published both at Nashville and Philadelphia. Respectfully submitted,

G. T. WATKINS,
J. B. ELLIOTT, } Committee.
W. A. WOODY,

After discussion by Brethren J. A. Stradley, F. P. Hobgood, R. Van Deventer, and C. Durham the report was adopted.

On Motion of Brother F. P. Hobgood, Rev. J. S. Hardaway was elected delegate from this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Rev. H. T. Williams as alternate.

Brethren B. F. Hester, B. S. Royster and F. P. Hobgood were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Brother J. H. Mills, Sup't of Thomasville Orphanage was then recognized and on request addressed the Association on behalf of the Orphanage.

On motion of Brother C. Durham a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage. This collection amounted to $13.88.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. Van Deventer.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

August 15th, 1894.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. T. Williams, the Association met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock. The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

Rev. Chas. E. Taylor, D. D., Pres. Wake Forest College was recognized and invited to a seat.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. A. Stradley, which, after discussion by Brethren J. A. Stradley, M. P. Davis, and C. Durham, was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

At the last Convention there was a debt of $3,000 on the State Mission Board; but in ninety days this debt was paid. From the Convention in December, 1892, to August 16th, 1893, the Convention sent to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer for State Missions $3,444.93, and from the Convention in December 1893, to August 15th, 1894, the churches sent to the Treasurer $7,014.09. This is a gain in contributions, for this one object, this year, over the contributions of last year of $3,569.16. There are 87 missionaries preaching this year at more than 300 destitute places. They have been greatly blessed in their work during this year. This Board is doing a grand foundation work. Scores of mission stations planted and fostered by this Board have developod into self-supporting churches. It is Christ-like to carry the gospel to the destitute. Let us be co-workers with Christ in this blessed work.

J. A. STRADLEY
W. P. HOWARD
Committee.

At the suggestion of Brother C. Durham the roll of churches was called and the delegates respectively agreed to endeavor to raise the following amounts for the cause of State Missions:

Amis Chapel, $12,00; Antioch, $5,00; Bethany, $5,00; Bethel, $25,00; Concord, $15,00; Corinth, $5,00; Enon, $10,00; F. R. Union, $5,00; Florence Avenue, $7,50; Grassy Creek, $7,00; Hester's, $10,00; Island Creek, $10,00; Mill Creek, $10,00; Mountain Creek, $15 00; Mt. Harmony, $3 00; Mt. Zion, $20 00; Mary's Chapel, $1,00; Olive Branch, $5,00; Pleasant Grove, $5,00; Providence, $3,00; Roxboro, $35,00; Rock Spring, $5,00; State Line, $5,00; Stovall, $10,00; Tally Ho. $5,00.

Oxford, Peace Chapel and Poplar Creek agreed to raise liberal contributions.

The hour for Foreign Missions having arrived the report was

read by Bro. H. T. Williams, after which the subject was discussed by brethren H. T. Williams, J. A. Beam, J. S. Hardaway, C. E. Taylor, R. Van Deventer, R. H. Marsh, E. S. Pierce, T. B. Hill, B. D. Howard and C. Durham.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS,

When we think of the actual condition of men and women in heathen countries, and of the direct command of Christ to us, to carry them the Gospel, we tremble under the responsibility.

We rejoice to think that, in obedience to the commands of "Our Master," we have in the past done something for our lost brethren. There are 151 Missionaries and native assistants in the Foreign Fields under the direction of the F. M. Board. Of these, 19 besides quite a number who are working under the plan known as Gospel Mission are from North Carolina. As yet no one has gone to the Foreign Field from this Association.

Several associations in our State are now supporting missionaries in the Foreign Fields. Every missionary who has gone from us is calling loudly for more workers from home. In view of these facts, your committee respectfully suggest that our churches try to do more for this work.

1. Let us as individuals inform ourselves as to the needs of the Foreign Field, and then as to the part that God will have each one to take in this work.

2. That we ask God to give us from our midst at least two of the wisest and most faithful of His servants to represent us in this great work, and that He will give us those at home who will gladly support those who are called to the Foreign work.

3. That we talk freely about the best plan of doing this work, that we strive to correct the errors of the past, and that we come together as one man in soul and mind in doing this great work for the Lord.

H. T. WILLIAMS,
A. H. GARNER, } Committee.

The roll of churches was called and their representatives pledge to endeavor to raise the following amounts respectively for the cause of Foreign Missions:

Amis Chapel, $15 00; Antioch, $10 00; Bethel, $25 00; Bethany, $5 00; Concord, $15 00; Enon, $25 00; F. R. Union, $5 00; Grassy Creek, $10 00; Hester's, $25 00; Island Creek, $20 00; Mary's Chapel, $2 00; Mountain Creek, $15 00; Mt. Harmony, $1 50; Mt. Zion, $30 00; Mill Creek, $10 00; Oxford, $30 00; Provldence $5 00; Roxboro, $35 00; Stovall, $12 00; Tally Ho, $10 00. Olive Branch, Peace Chapel, Poplar, and State Line pledge to raise their best possible collections.

On motion the Association adjourned till 1:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock, and on motion of Brother R. H. Marsh the report on Foreign Missions was adopted without further discussion.

The report on Education was now called for and read as follows by Brother R. H. Marsh.

RFPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is helpful in enlarging piety and usefulness; but in no sense is literary training necessary to personal religion. Formal education helps in the circulation of periodical and religious literature, in the Sunday School, and in the general work and service of the church. Practical education is attainable in all the walks of life with but limited school-helps. The subject of school-training embraces general and ministerial education.

The object of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention with which we co-operate is to aid needy young men of promise, who are seeking an education, and who, by word and walk, have led their brethren to see and recognize their Divine call to the Gospel ministry. All the schools give free tuition to all ministerial students and the Board only offers bread to the needy of them while at school. During the last year there were at Wake Forest fifty, and at Bethel Hill fourteen ministerial students. Of this number forty-two were beneficiaries. For their support the Association contributed $74 98 at Wake Forest and $160 at Bethel Hill.

For special and thorough pulpit trraining the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary offers every needed advantage at Louisville, Ky.

General education is for both the pulpit and the pew, males and females.

President Harper of the Chicago University says, "Wake Forest College is the best denominational college in the South." For the girls we have in our midst Oxford Female Seminary, a school of high grade, well equipped and under the excellent management of one of the foremost educators of the South, President F. P. Hobgood.

For boys and girls fine educational advantages are offered by Rev. J. A. Beam at Bethel Hill, N. C.

The Baptist Female University has not yet opened, but is making gratifying progress.

In regard to the question of "State Aid to Higher Education" that is now engaging public attention, your committee would say: The pamphlet recently published by Dr. C. E. Taylor is an

exhaustive, and most admirable presentation of that subject. As such we commend it to the patient and thoughtful consideration of all friends of Christian education.

R. H. MARSH,
B. D. HOWARD, } Committee.
B. F. HESTER,

Although a violent storm raged without and the house was densely packed the subject of Education was discussed by Brethren C. Durham, O. L. Stringfield, C. E. Taylor and John Mitchell. At this point, owing to the absence of delegates by reason of the storm, the report on Education was laid on the table till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

The hour for Sunday Schools having arrived the report was read by Brother T. H. Street, and after discussion by Brother Street, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing the work of the S. S. to be the greatest auxiliary to church work, we ask a more thorough and continual co-operation of Pastors and Layman, and by that means we believe the schools will occupy the position as intended which is twin sisters to the churches, and the end God glorified. We further recommend that Sunday Schools be given a more prominent place in our order of business and more thoroughly discussed.

T. H. STREET,
J. H. PHIPPS, } Committee.

Brethren R. D. Howard and T. H. Street of the committee on Fifth Sunday Meeting made their report.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by F. P. Hobgood.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

August 16th

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. S. Hardaway. At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order and the Clerk read the minutes of Wednesday's proceedings which were approved.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees noted.

On motion the report on Education was again taken up for consideration and was discussed by Brethren J. A. Beam, R. H. Marsh, H. T. Williams, J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, T. B. Hill and B. F. Hester.

The roll of churches was then called and delegates pledged an endeavor to raise the following amounts respectively for the Education Board at Wake Forest College:

Amis Chapel, $5 00; Bethel, $5 00; Concord, $5 00; Enon, $5 00; Hesters, $5 00; Island Creek, $10 00; Mountain Creek, $5 00; Oxford, $20 00; Roxboro, $15 00; Stovall, $5 00; Rock Springs, $5 00.

Antioch and Florence Avenue, agreed to raise liberal contributions for this object.

On motion the report on education was adopted as read by Bro. Marsh.

By motion all speeches for the day were limited to five minutes each.

Bro. J. S. Hardaway then read the report on Home Missions, which after being discussed by Bro. Hardaway was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the board that has in hand the work among the negroes, among the Indians, among foreign populations, among our native white people in destitute sections, and work on the island of Cuba. This board also has in hand a department of church building.

Last year 381 missionaries labored in connection with this board; 4470 were baptized; 4039 were received by letter; 133 churches were constituted, and 67 church houses were built. In addition to this a great deal was done in the way of distributing Bibles and tracts, in organizing and carrying on Sunday Schools, in visitations and general religious work.

Surely we ought to give this board our hearty and generous support.

JNO. S. HARDAWAY,
W. H. COPLEY,
C. W. REAMS,
} Committee.

The report on orphanage was called for and the following was read by Bro. J. A. Beam, which, after discussion by Bro. Beam, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Every Baptist father and mother in North Carolina should rejoice over the fact that they have a home at Thomasville already prepared for their children, should they be thrown out upon the charity of the world. This thought should make the Baptist host of North Carolina rally to the support of the 122 orphans in this home. They are the children of our depart-

ed bretheren and sisters. God has committed them to our care. $60 will bear all expenses of one of these children for a whole year. There are in this association six churches, each able to support one orphan by paying 30 cents per capita. This would nearly double the work of the whole association of last year, which was about 5 cents per capita. Therefore as your committee we recommend that each of our strongest churches support one orphan next year; that two or more of the less able churches join to support one and that no church give less than 10 cents per capita to this great work. We further reccommend that the delegate whose name appears first in the list of delegates from each church be considered a committee of one whose duty it shall be to bring the Orphanage before his church and Sunday School at a time that he and his pastor may deem best in the associational year and endeavor to raise the above named amounts.

This done and many of the poor unfortunate children now scattered over our State uncared for will next year have the advantage of our orphanage, and the blessings of heaven.

J. A. BEAM,
L KNOTT,
L. A. ROYSTER, } Committee.

This being the hour for Temperance Bro. T. B. Hill read the report, which was discussed by Brethern, Hill, J. W. Denney, R. H. Marsh, L. Royster, H. F. Jeffress, A. H. Garner, J. T. Riddick, R. F. Knott, H. T. Williams, J. C. Cadell, B. F. Hester, W. I. Wilkerson, J. A. Beam, J. H. Royster, B. T. Winston, J. A. Stradley, D. L. Woody, J. T. Brooks, A. C. Parham. The report was adopted as read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is not only necessary in the development of a moral character, but is one of the fundamental principals of the Christian religion. And in our belief no church member can frequent, bar rooms and saloons without bringing great reproach and shame upon the cause of Christ. We do not believe that this great evil will ever be suppressed by outward force; but that this evil can only be suppressed by implanting a higher standard of morality and Christian virtues in the hearts of the people. And we truly believe that these principals can and only will be implanted in the hearts of the people by the church of Christ—and would recommend that every pastor preach annually, at least two elaborate sermons upon this important subject, in order that the evil effects of intoxicating spirits upon physical as well as upon the spiritual man, may be clearly placed before the people.

T. B. HILL,
J. A. HUMPHRIES,
R. F. KNOTT, } Committee.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session of the Association having been called for, the Clerk read the report which was adopted.

Your committe recommend that the next session of the Flat River Association be held with Concord Baptist church, Granville county, N. C.; beginning on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August 1895; and the Introductory Sermon be preached by Rev. P. H. Fountain, of Elmo, Va.

A. R. FOUSHEE,
H. C. SHANKS,
G. W. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

Bro. R. H. Marsh offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pastors, deacons, and members of the Flat River Association be earnestly requested to revive and support the Fifth Sunday meetings; and that bretheren H. T. Williams, T. H. Street and G. T. Watkins, be made a committee to regulate the whole matter.

The resolution was heartily endorsed by pastors, R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Stradley, H. T. Williams, T. B. Hill, E. S. Pierce, E. Y. Pool, J. A. Beam, and J. T. Riddick, and brethren T. H. Street, F. P. Hobgood, G. W. Watkins and D. L. Woody, and was adopted by a rising vote of the Association.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Beam the Association spent twenty minutes in devotional exercises.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood moves that the Clerk be allowed $15,00 for his services and the remainder of the money be distributed according to the wishes of the churches.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. R. H. Marsh, which was adopted by a rising vote of the Association:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be extended by a rising vote to the members of Mountain Creek church and community for their cordial welcome and abundant hospitality during the session of this body.

Florence Avenue church gives $1,00 to minute fund which was handed to the Clerk. There being no further business, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. T. Williams and singing to meet at Concord Baptist church on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August 1895.

Wm. L. FOUSHEE, CLERK.

A. C. PARHAM, MODERATOR.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS—H. T. Williams, T. H. Street and G. W. Watkins.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Of the thirty-two churches composing the Association, thirty were represented by delegates and letters.

Twenty-five contributed to Foreign Missions; sixteen to Education; twenty-four to Home Missions; twenty-two to Orphanage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Av. attendance	Months.	Collections.
Amis' Chapel	M. D. Harris	Buchanon, N. C.	10	50	40	9	$8 00
Antioch	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, N. C.	8	43	30	9	
Bethany	W. H. Copley	Hampton, N. C.	4	30	15	9	
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Bethel Hill, N. C.	10	68	46	12	26 46
Concord	Ralph Currin	North Side, N. C.	20	91	73	12	9 20
Corinth	J. B. Elliott	Clay, N. C.	6		30	6	2 50
*Enon	J. W. Phipps	Oxford, N. C.	7	69	76	12	36 34
Flat River Union	S. W. Waller	Knapp of Reeds,	6	50	35	12	5 00
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Virgilina, Va.	5	40	25	12	
Grassy Creek	J. L. Pittard	Adoniram, N. C.	7	73	43	9	3 50
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Sunset, N. C.	8	64	31	12	21 57
Island Creek	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, N. C.	16	150	125	12	
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Wheelous	Grissom, N. C.	7	36	25	10	
Mill Creek	H. F. Link	Holloway's, N. C.	8	65	48	12	3 60
Mountain Creek	J. A. Watkins	Cornwall, N. C.	7	53	30	12	8 25
Mount Harmony	S. E. Peed	Surl, N. C.	5	20	15	12	2 00
Mount Zion	J. C. Currin	Berea, N. C.	8		48	12	23 50
Olive Branch	E. D. Jones	Blue Wing, N. C.	9	45	35	12	10 84
Olive Grove	Willie Colley	North Side, N. C.	7	35	25	4	2 00
Oxford	E. T. Rawlins	Oxford, N. C.	15	145	80	12	71 32
Peace Chapel	J. S. Gordon	Clay, N. C.	7	45	25	4	
Pleasant Grove	W. J. Rogers	Mount Energy,	11	85	60	6	
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Carlton,	8		33	12	
Providence	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro, N. C.	8	60	45	9	
Rocky Spring	C. Gordon	Woodworth, N. C.	8	59	34	9	7 81
†Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro, N. C.	10	68	49	12	50 49
State Line	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	9	32	29	12	5 34
Stovall	R. A. Gill	Stovall, N. C.	7	60	35	12	13 00
Tally Ho	W. F. Washington	Stems, N. C.	9	40	28	12	10 80

*Enon has two branch S. S.: Far River, E. K. Howard, Supt., and Ragland's Store, A. B. Ragland Supt. †Roxboro has branch S. S.: Long's Chapel, T. H. Street, Supt.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE.			DECREASE					
	Baptized	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Total Membership	Gain	Loss
Amis Chapel	9		3	2	8	3	153	1	
Antioch	2		5	3	6	2	83		4
Bethany	1		3	1	2	1	74		
Bethel	8	2	4	1	2	2	153	9	
Concord	6	1	1			2	136	6	
Corinth	5		2	2	4				
Enon	34	1	9	7	5	1	176	31	
Flat River Union	3		2		5	1	140		1
Florence Avenue	8		12	2	1		60	17	
Grassy Creek	76		4	4	10	1	193		11
Hesters'		3	2		6		194		1
Island Creek	11	1	4	5	9	2	200		
Mary's Chapel	5					1	43	4	
Mill Creek	14	2	3	3	2	1	191	16	
Mountain Creek			8	9	8	2	234		11
Mount Harmony				1	4	2	66		7
Mount Zion	20	1	7	6	3	3	236	16	
New Light	16	1		18	1	2	132		4
Olive Branch				3	1	3	133		7
Olive Grove				2			75		2
Oxford	11	1	4		25		221		9
Peace Chapel	18		3				56	21	
Pleasant Grove	17		3		2	1	105	17	
Poplar Creek		1	1	2	6	3	137		8
Providence	13	7	2	2	3	3	122	16	
Rock Spring	6	2	5	3	1	2	71	7	
Roxboro	8		6		8		101	6	
State Line	12	2	2	5	2		115	9	
Stovall	22	1	15	7	3	1	157	27	
Tally Ho			3	3	9	3	160		12
Total	325	26	113	91	126	42	3918	202	77

REPORT OF H. M. SHAW, TREASURER FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Miss. For'd	State Miss. Rec'd	Home Miss. For'd	Home Miss. Rec'd	For. Miss. For'd	For. Miss. Rec'd	Education. For'd	Education. Rec'd	Orphanage. For'd	Orphanage. Rec'd	Poor.	M. R. Fund. For'd	M. R. Fund. Rec'd	Gosp. Miss. For'd	Gosp. Miss. Rec'd	Oxford Church	Bible Institute	Church Extension	Sunday School Lit.
Amis Chapel	1 05				5 00															
†Antioch	1 50	6 51			1 35	11 30	1 63	2 00	1 35	3 50		5 00					2 45			
Bethany	1 00	2 29	3 41		4 00	15 00	5 30		9 15		2 66			1 67						
Bethel	1 66				50											10 53				
Concord	1 50	43 50		25 80		14 00		2 55		34 07										
Corinth	1 50	2 16		6 36		12 64				9 45										
Enon	1 00		8 85		10 70		9 24		7 90		7 40									
Enon Sunday School						14 75	8 66			31 62	2 13	15 80								
Florence Ave.	1 00		3 02				3 00													
Fellowship																				
F. R. Union		2 08		3 50		4 00				21 00										
Grassy Creek	1 50	2 50		2 50			7 21			6 60	3 50									
Mester's	1 50		7 90				9 25			17 30										
Hester's Sunday School							7 42			1 50								2 15		
Island Creek	1 25	16 30		1 60		28 25		3 80		14 00		6 00							2 85	
Island Creek S. School.										5 25										
Mary's Chapel	50		50				1 00				1 00									
Mill Creek	1 00				1 70						1 70									3 60
Mountain Creek	1 50	9 45		5 76		9 04		19 10		10 00		2 35								
Mountain Creek S. S.		5 35					3 05					1 00								
Mt. Harmony	75		1 50		1 50															
Mt. Zion	1 75		11 65		75		26 20		8 40		9 85					4 00				
Mt. Zion Sunday School			6 90	12 75			6 91		6 90	13 20		15 30								
Slaughter Fund		130 00				91 87									45 00					
New Light	1 00		3 00		3 00	1 00	3 00				2 00									
Oxford	2 00	10 01		10 45		27 41		12 10		17 71		9 75	8 36		174067					
Woman's Miss. Society															19 70					
Olive Branch	1 25				6 00		5 58													
Olive Grove	50	8 00		3 72	1 60	3 72		29 30												
Pleasant Grove	1 50				50		1 00		1 00		2 75									
Peace Chapel	1 00																			
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State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, N. C.	T. A. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	Third Sun. and Sat. before
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	J. S. Royster	Bullock, N. C.	Second " " "
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* Rev. J. A. Beam was pastor till June. ‡ Rev. R. H. Marsh was pastor till July, at present no pastor.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to partlcipate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of constitution.

MINUTES

CREEDMOOR, N. C., AUGUST 13, 1895.

The Flat River Associaton convened to-day in its one hundred and second annual session with Concord Baptist church, at its meeting house at Creedmoor, Granville county, N. C., and at 11 o'clock A. M. was called to order by A. C. Parham, Moderator of the previous session.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine, of Bethel Hill, N. C, .delivered the introductory sermon, from Ezekiel 33: 7 and 8; subject, "Our duty to send the Gospel to the Heathen, and the effect of not fulfilling this duty."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Association assembled in regular session. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. T. Williams, Roxboro, N. C.

Brethren T. B. Hill and H. M. Shaw were appointed Reading Clerks. The roll of churches was called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS' CHAPEL—*A. H. Garner, *J. L. Chandler, J. W. Downey.
ANTIOCH—*J. W. Denny, *G. W. Denny, *C. H. Tapp.
BETHANY—W. A. Malone, *D. C. Cozart, *J. S. Coleman.
BETHEL—*J. O. Rogers, A. J. Crutchfield, S. C. Humphries.
CONCORD—W. R. Dupree, S. N. Goss, W. H. Waller.
CORINTH—*J. B. Elliott, *N. H. Daniel, J. W. Pittard.
ENON—W. C. Currin, B. F. Hester, E. K. Howard.
FELLOWSHIP—T. H. Perry, B. F. Lawrence, *W. J. Mangum.

*Absent.

FLAT RIVER UNION—Richard Peed, K. T. Roycroft, E H. Veazey.

FLORENCE AVENUE—*J. S. Pool, *Rufus Amis, *C. Y. Hill,

GRASSY CREEK—J. W. Winston, *Willie Daniel, *Robert Davis.

HESTER'S—*B. F. Currin, Z. Daniel, E. H. Pruitt.

ISLAND CREEK—S. A. Green, *W. D. Hicks, Henry Davis.

MARY'S CHAPEL—*T. F. Ross, *J. W. Wheelous.

MILL CREEK—*J. S. Walker, *J. W. Clayton, *W. J. Buchanan.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—*J. S. Eaves, J. P. Currin, *Reuben Hart,

MOUNT HARMONY—*S. E. Peed, *L. Vaughan, *N. V. Currin.

MOUNT ZION—S R. O'Briant, B. D. Howard, *J. F. Meadows.

NEW LIGHT—W. L. Jackson, *C. C. Keith, J. R. Wheeler, John Sikes.

OLIVE BRANCH—*E. Y. Pool, *Clem Gentry, *J. P. Stovall,

OLIVE GROVE—E. M. Terry, John Sheron, *Alfred Keith.

OXFORD—A. C. Parham, *S. H. Cannaday, Howard Dorsey,

PEACE CHAPEL—J. C. Wilson, D. Y. Hunt, J. C. Tippett

PLEASANT GROVE—J. H. Bowling, W. J. Rogers, O. F. Hughes.

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ROCK SPRING—*B. F. Knott, *T. J. Richardson, *A. J. Owen,

ROXBORO—J. J. Lunsdell, *J. H. Carver, W. L. Foushee.

SNOW HILL—No Letter.

STATE LINE—W. B. Royster, H. Gordon, T. A. Royster.

STOVALL—W. H. Cutts, W. S. Green, *David G. Wilson.

TALLY HO—S. P. Washington, W. T. Hunt, W. C. Peed.

A. C. Parham, Oxford, N. C, having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, J. S. Hardaway was instructed to cast for him the ballot of the Association. He was declared elected. On motion, W. L. Foushee, Roxboro, N. C., was elected Clerk, and H. M. Shaw, Oxford, N. C., Treasurer, by acclamation.

*Absent.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats among us: R. W. Cridlin, Principal South Side Female Institute, Va.; L. W. Bagley, Principal Littleton High School, N. C.; J. C. Caddell, Associate Editor Biblical Recorder; C. Durham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary State Convention and President Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College; John Mitchell, D. D, Corresponding Secretary Board of Education; L. R. Wright, Pastor in Virginia.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

PERIODICALS—H. T. Williams, W. A. Malone, B. D. Howard.

EDUCATION—M. P. Davis, B. F. Hester, W. C. Currin.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—R. H. Marsh, E. K. Howard, S. R. O'Briant.

STATE MISSIONS—J. A. Beam, J. J. Meadows, S. P. Washington.

HOME MISSIONS—P. H. Fontaine, W. B. Royster, E. H. Pruitt.

ORPHANAGE—G. T. Watkins, F. P. Hobgood, W. T. Hunt.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—J. S. Hardaway, J. E. Smith.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. A. Stradley, W. H. Cutts, S. C. Humphries.

It was moved that, while waiting for the Committee on Order of Business, the subject of Ministerial Relief be taken up. After discussion of this subject by J. A. Beam, R. W. Cridlin and J. S. Hardaway, the following resolutions were read by C. Durham and adopted:

RESOLVED: That we commend the work of the Ministerial Relief Board to the thoughtful consideration of our brethren, and we hope that each church will take at least one collection a year for this object and report the same in the church letter to Association.

The Report on Order of Business was read by J. S. Hardaway from the Committee, and was adopted as follows:

Tuesday—3:30 to 4 o'clock P. M., Ministerial Relief.

Wednesday—A. M., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, State Missions.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 12:30 o'clock, Foreign Missions.

Adjournment till 2 P M.

From 2 to 3 P. M., Home Missions.

From 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday—A. M., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Orphanage.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

F. P. Hobgood moved that the Treasurer prepare a table of contributions received by him, that the Clerk prepare a table of all contributions, and that both be inserted in the minutes.

R. J. Willingham, D. D, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board of Southern Convention, and Prof. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest College, were recognized by the Association and welcomed.

The Association adjourned, after prayer by G. T. Watkins, Roxboro.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 14, 1895.

The Association re-assembled at 9:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by John Mitchell, Wake Forest.

The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was announced as follows: M. H. Veazey, S. A. Green, H. Dorsey.

The Association recognized and invited to seats among us, W. C. Tyree, Pastor First church of Durham, N. C., and H. A. Reams, Durham, N. C.

J. A. Beam, of Committee, read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are ninety-two missionaries preaching at 400 mission stations and mission churches in the bounds of the Baptist State Convention of N. C. Since last April they have dedicated eleven houses of worship and have organized eight new churches. They are now building thirty-seven meeting houses. The 92 missionaries are all laboring in 27 Associations. This leaves 18 Associations with more or less needed mission work in each, with not a single missionary.

Fifteen thousand dollars must be raised this year. Only $4,371,18 of this amount have been raised. Eleven cents per capita from 136,000 white Baptists in N. C. would raise this amount. As your

Committee, we urge that this Association do more for State Missions next year than has been done this year.

J. A. BEAM,
J. J. MEADOWS,
S. P. WASHINGTON, } Com.

The report was discussed by J. A. Beam and C. Durham, and adopted.

J. Hartwell Edwards, Agent for the Woman's College at Raleigh, N. C., was introduced to the Association.

H. T. Williams, from the Committee, read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Information on any subject must precede intelligent action. This is true in our relation to people, as well as in regard to the work that we ought to do. We are a great Denomination engaged in a still greater work. Much credit for what we are and for what we have done is due the Biblical Recorder, which for sixty years has been the medium of communication and for transmitting information for the Baptists of N. C. While the Recorder has long been highly appreciated, it gives us great pleasure to notice, that under the management of our young Editor, J. W. Bailey, it has never been so efficient or so popular as at present.

Your Committee most earnestly recommend an organized effort on the part of Pastors and others to circulate our periodicals more generally among our people. Certainly there should be 20,000 subscribers to the Recorder within the next year. Our new Mission Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Charity and Children should be universally read by our people.

With an organized effort for this purpose, wonders could be accomplished for the good of our people and for the glory of our Master.

H. T. WILLIAMS,
W. H. MALONE, } Com.
B. D. HOWARD,

The report was spoken to by H. T. Williams, T. B. Hill, J. E. Smith and J. C. Caddell, and adopted.

R. H. Marsh read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The best reason for Mission work, is not the good it may do others or ourselves, but the command of the Master. "The love of Christ" must be the constraining power of action. The "field is the world"—not to be divided up among or apportioned to different generations, but to be occupied wholly by every generation.

Heretofore Providence may have excused us from full obedience to missionary orders; for opportunity, men and means were denied, at least in part. Now it is believed the command is attended by the necessary means and men to carry the Gospel into all the world. This duty is upon the Church and must be discharged by this generation, or the honor and privilege of Bible obedience will be forfeited. Under such sad circumstances of neglect it is confidently believed that the Heathen will fail of God's salvation, but what will become of His professed servants for persistent disobedience is not so clear. "Ye knew your duty, but did it not" will be a fearful charge to meet in judgment. The past year our contributions—an unmistakable evidence of prayer and interest—amounted to over $130,000. That was the best our Southern Baptists have ever done in the Foreign field. We have 85 churches and a membership of 3,493, with 581 additions last year. In the Treasurer's last annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention it is said, "of all the funds received at this office 92 cents on the dollar went to the missionaries, ONLY 8 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR WAS USED FOR ALL EXPENSES HERE; and this includes interest (on debt) and also the cost of the Woman's Missionary Union in Baltimore." Next year this Association is asked to raise $400 to continue the work in its present proportion. Your Committee thinks this amount can be easily raised by about 4000 members. We are glad to note a healthy interest in this great work; but we are not doing our best, and most respectfully urge God's appointed leaders in the Church, the Pastors and Deacons, to more and more press upon the churches their real God-given work of preaching the Gospel to every creature.

R. H. MARSH,
E. A. HOWARD, } Com.
S. R. O'BRIANT,

The time for discussion of Foreign Missions was given to R. J. Willingham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, who made a powerful speech in its behalf. Report was adopted.

The roll of churches was called to see how much each church would *try* to raise. Following responded:

Amis Chapel,	State Missions,	$10 00;	Foreign Missions,	———
Antioch,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	$10 00
Bethany,	"	"	15 00;	"	"	———
Concord,	"	"	15 00;	"	"	15 00
Corinth,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00

Enon,	State	Missions,	10 00,	Foreign	Missions,	15 00
F. R. Union,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00
Florence Ave.,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00
Grassy Creek,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	10 70
Hester's,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	10 00
Island Creek,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	20 00
Mill Creek,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	15 00
Mt. Zion,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	12 00
Olive Branch,	"	"	8 00;	"	"	8 00
Oxford,	"	"	25 00;	"	"	50 00
Pleasant Grove,	"	"	5 00;	"	"	5 00
Rock Spring,	"	"	8 00;	"	"	12 00
Roxboro,	"	"	35 00;	"	"	35 00
Stovall,	"	"	10 00;	"	"	15 00

Other churches agreed to do their best.

C. Durham moved that a cash collection be taken for State and Foreign Missions, one half to be given to each. $7.59 was thus raised and handed to the Treasurer.

Association adjourned, after prayer by P. H. Fontaine.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and J. J. Lansdell offered prayer.

P. H. Fontaine read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has for its work the preaching of the Gospel among our native white people in destitute sections, and among the Indians, negroes and foreign population; also the building of houses of worship. Its field of labor comprises the Southern States and Cuba. The report of its operation for the year ending May 1st, 1895, is as follows:

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After paying missionaries, April 1st, its indebtedness was $23,000, which, on May 1st, had been reduced to $1,100 with a a balance of $109,06 in the treasury.

P. H. FONTAINE,
E. H. PRUITT, Com.
W. B. ROYSTER,

C. Durham spoke to this report, after which it was adopted.

On motion the regular order was suspended to hear from W. C. Tyree, President of the Ministers' Relief Board. He said:

"This board of the Convention is located in Durham. One third of all funds contributed is invesied in permanent interest bearing funds. We have $1000,00 invested in good real estate security. Two thirds are distributed among the beneficiaries, of whom we have 13. We are anxious to have all churches take one public collection each year. This is an object to which people contribute readily and liberally. I appeal to the delegates of the Flat River Association to help us."

H. T. Williams was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention for 1896, with J. S. Hardaway, alternate.

On motion of J. A. Beam, Rev. P. H. Fontaine was instructed to send a copy of the introductory sermon to the "Recorder" for publication.

M. P. Davis, of the Committee, read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education and religion are the pillars of the best civilization and we, as christians, ought to encourage, help, and strengthen all efforts which are put forth for their extension.

The purpose of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, with which we co-operate, is to aid needy young men of promise, who are anxious for an education and who have proved themselves, in the eyes of the brethren, by their lives, to have been called to the work of the ministry. There were more than fifty young ministers at Wake Forest during the past year, thirty six of whom were aided by the Board. At Bethel Hill there were fifteen ministers, a part of whom were aided by churches of this Association. There are a great number who are

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this work.

For boys and girls fine educational advantages are offered by Rev. J. A. Beam at Bethel Hill, N. C.

The Baptist Female University has not yet opened, but is making rapid progress and it is hoped that the buildings will be com-

pleted and the University opened with a hundred thousand dollars endowment by Sept. 1st, 1896.

To the girls we have in our midst, we recommend Oxford Female Seminary, a school of high grade, and managed by one of the foremost educators of the South, President F. P. Hobgood.

M. P. DAVIS,
B. F. HESTER, } Com.

Dr. John Mitchell spoke on Ministerial Education, and asked the churches what each would try to raise for the object. Following responded:

Amis Chapel, $5.00; Antioch, $5.00; Bethany, $5.00: Bethel $5.00; Concord, $7.00; Flat River Union, $5.00; Florence Avenue, $2 00; Island Creek, $5.00; Mill Creek, $10.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00; Olive Branch, $12.00; Oxford, $20.00; Roxboro, $15.00; Rock Spring, $5.00; Stovall, $5.00. Other churches promised to do their best.

J. Hartwell Edwards ably presented the claims of the Baptist Woman's College at Raleigh, N. C.

P. H. Fontaine spoke on behalf of Bethel Hill Institute.

W. L. Poteat spoke on general education. After further discussion by F. P. Hobgood, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted, and is, herein appended.

J. A. Stradley led in prayer and the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 15, 1895.

The Association having re-assembled at 9:50 o'clock, J. G. Blalock, Rockingham, N. C., conducted devotional exercises.

The proceedings of Wednesday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called, revealing the non-attendance of forty-four delegates. The Moderator remarked upon the evil effect of absences, and urged upon the Association the importance of having delegates sent who will attend the whole session.

G. T. Watkins read the following

REPORT ON THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

God in his love and mercy towards man seems to be peculiarly blessing this part of the great benevolent work of the Baptists of North Carolina. From the very birth of this charitable institution the hand of God has been upon it, and with pride, and en-

couragement for the future, do we trace its short life and history. Day by day and year by year this work is assuming larger pro- tions, and under the fostering care of the Baptists of th por- is destined to become more and more efficient in its w e State

During the past year 133 children were cared for rk. ones coming from all parts of our State and her . These little with substantial food and warm clothing, b e not only a home and ready hearts to teach them what lif it also willing hands preparing them to fight the great bat is and who God is, thus of that seed which shall blossom ir ie of life, and for the sowing that, as an Association, we st ve to make the coming year the banner ye at in our history in the Orphange.

G. T. WATKINS,
F. P. HOBGOOD, } Com.
W. T. HUNT.

Interesting speeches on this subject were made by J. Hartwell Edwards, Dr. John Mitchell, R. W. Cridlin, R. Peed, P. W. Duncan, L. W. Bagley and J. J. Meadows, and the report was adopted.

A cash collection, amounting to $4.44, was taken.

The regular order was suspended to hear from the Creedmoor church, arm of Concord, which was recently finished and is in debt. Through P. H. Fontaine appeal was made to the Association, and churches agreed to raise the following amounts:

Amis Chapel, $5.00; Bethel, $7 50; Concord, $25 00; Enon, $7 50; Mill Creek, $5 00; Roxboro, $5 00. J. A. Stradley paid $2 00.

J. A. Stradley read the

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Flat River Association only lacks one of having as many Sabbath Schools as she has churches. And yet, there is not a single church in the Association that is doing what she ought to do in this work. The attendance is not half what it ought to be. How can we get the people to attend Sabbath School, is the great question that we need to study and answer. The children will go if their parents will let them. But how are we to get, and keep, the grown people in our schools? Can not superintendents and teachers do something to make the schools more interesting and attractive? God's Word is the foundation of all christian prosperity. How can any one claiming to be a christian be indifferent to its study? We need help in studying these lessons. These helps we can get from A. J. Rowland, 142 Chestnut St., Philadelphia,

or from T. P. Bell, Nashville, Tenn., or the literature of either those from the "Baptist Book-Store," Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. STRADLEY,
W. H. CUTTS,
SMITH HUMPHRIES, } Com.

The report was adopted after discussion by J. A. Stradley, T. B. Hill, J. J. Meadows, J. S. Hardaway, J. H. Edwards and A. C. Parham.

J. S. Hardway, in behalf of the Fifth Sunday Meeting, Committee, reported that meetings had been held on each fifth Sunday during past year; that they had proven interesting and profitable, and that the prospect was very encouraging.

J. A. Stradley moved that H. T. Williams, G. T. Watkins and T. H. Street be the Committee for conducting the Fifth Sunday Meeting the next year.

At the request of the Moderator, P. H. Fontaine handed in the following

RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE.

Believing that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is one of the greatest evils of the present time, we would recommend that all, especially christians, abstain altogether from its use as a beverage; and that we use our influence to prohibit its use as a beverage in our country.

Which, after discussion by P. H. Fontaine, R. Peed and J. A. Stradley, was adopted.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by the Clerk, which, after discussion by P. H. Fontaine, T. B. Hill, J. A. Stradley and Dr. Sandeford, and amendment, was adopted as follows:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, the Committee recommend that the next Associatian be held on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1896; that Stovall Baptist Church be the place, and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins.

S. H. GREEN,
HOWARD DORSEY, } Com.
M. H. VEAZEY,

J. S. Hardaway offered the following resolution, which, having been spoken to by J. S. Hardaway and A. C. Parham, was adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe it to be for the best interests of the Flat

River Association that the committees that report on Foreign Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Education, Ministers Relief Fund, and the Orphanage, should be appointed a year before hand. Therefore

RESOLVED 1st. That we hereafter appoint these committees at the session previous to the one at which they shall report.

2nd. That the chairman of these respective committees be expected to speak to his report—his speech not to exceed 30 minutes.

J. J. Meadows, H. T. Shanks and F. W. Hancock were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which meets at Greensboro, N. C.

G. T. Watkins moved that the Clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services.

J. A. Stradley offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote of the Association:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to Concord church, and the people of Creedmore and community for their cordial hospitality during her present session.

Then, after prayer by G. T. Watkins, the Association adjourned to meet with the Stovall Baptist church, Granville county, N. C., on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in August, 1896. A. C. PARHAM, Moderator.

W. L. FOUSHEE, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Fifth Sunday Meeting—H. T. Williams, G. T. Watkins, and T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—H. T. Williams. Alternate, J. S. Hardaway.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. J. Meadows, H. T. Shanks, and F. W. Hancock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.		Officers	Teachers	Pupils	Av. attendance	Months	Collections
Amis' Chapel	A. D. Frazier	Buchanon,	N. C.	4	3	50	40	8	$5 00
Antioch	G. W. Denny	Roxboro,	"	3	5	48	30	9	3 27
Bethany	L. D. Verzey	Moriah,	"	3	2	17			
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo,	Va.	5	6	101	54	12	57 25
*Concord	Ralph Currin	North Side,	N. C	8	5	40	25	9	4 00
Corinth	J. B. Elliot	Clay,	"	3	4	40	25	9	
‡Enon	E. A. Howard	Culbreth,	"	2	5	56	62	12	47 04
Fellowship	T. M. Thomasson	Beck,	"	6	5	40	30	3	5 00
Flat River Union	S. W. Waller	Knapp of Reeds,	"	3	4	40	30	12	
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Virgilina,	Va.	2	3			12	
Grassy Creek	J. L. Pittard	Adoniram,	N. C.	3	2	28	22	9	1 17
Hester's	L. Knott	Sunset,	"	4	6	60	34	12	32 92
Island Creek	J. L. Wilson	Williamsboro,	"	8	8	150	125	9	
Mary's Chapel									
Mill Creek	H. F. Link	Daysville,	"	7	5	70	50	12	7 00
Mountain Creek	F. A. Watkins	Cornwall,	"	3	4	50	35	8	2 34
Mount Harmony									
Mount Zion	J. E. Currin	Berea,	"	3	5	68	45	12	
New Light									
Olive Branch	S. D. Pool	Yancey,	"	2	4	55	30		5 30
Olive Grove									
Oxford	E. T. Rawlins	Oxford,	"	5	7	89		12	48 52
Peace Chapel	J. T. Williams	Kittrell,	"	4	4	53	30		2 00
Pleasant Grove	W. J. Rogers	Mt. Energy,	"	7	6	60	40	12	
Poplar Creek	A. J. Wright	Dabney,	"	3	5	40	28	12	11 75
Providence	G. W. Buchanon	Roxboro,	"	2	4	50	25	8	
Rock Spring	C. Gordon	Woodworth,	"	3	4	57	35	9	5 57
†Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro,	"	5	6	66	40	12	62 03
Snow Hill									
State Line	T. A. Royster	Bullock,	"	6	10	66	40	12	9 18
Stovall	T. W. Stovall	Stovall,	"	3	5	46	30	12	12 87
Tally Ho	W. F. Washington	Stems,	"	4	4	24	24	12	3 00

*Enon has branch school at Tar River Academy; ‡Concord has branch school at Creedmoor, Dr. J. Sandeford, Supt.; 30 pupils. †Roxboro has two branch schools: Long's Chapel, E. D. Cheek, Supt., 33 pupils; and Pass' Mill, T. H. Street, Supt., 69 pupils.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase			Decrease			Total Membership	Gain	Loss
	Baptized	Restored.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died			
Amis' Chapel,	4		3	3	7	4	148		7
Antioch,	7		3	2	2	2	84	4	
Bethany,		2		1	9		65		8
Bethel,	3	1	3	1	8		151		2
Concord,				1		2	133		3
Corinth,	24		1	7	5	3	156	10	
Enon,	2	5	11		11		174	7	
Fellowship,	4			1	4	1	98		2
Flat River Union,	6		3		4	3	145	2	
Florence Avenue,			6	2	2		64	2	
Grassy Creek,	1	2	1	1	9	3	185		9
Hester's,	5	2	6	1	10		197	2	
Island Creek,	23		2	2	8	1	210	14	
Mary's Chapel,	3					1	42	2	
Mill Creek,		2	4	5	2	1	188		2
Mountain Creek,	28	8	1	5	11	3	249	20	
Mount Harmony,	3	1	2	3	1		67	2	
Mount Zion,	7	2	8	5	6	3	231	3	
New Light,	3	4	1	68	3	4	66		67
Olive Branch,	14	1	1	2	4	2	141	8	
Olive Grove,	8		1	10	1	1	60		3
Oxford,	12		19		14	1	238	16	
Peace Chapel,	5		14		1	1	73	17	
Pleasant Grove,	7	2	1	2	1	1	115	6	
Poplar Creek,	5		2	1	20	1	120		15
Providence,	1	1		1	3	1	119		3
Rock Spring,	5		3	1	6	2	68		1
Roxboro,	2		11	1	4	1	104	7	
Snow Hill,									
State Line,	9	1	3	4	10	1	113		2
Stovall,	7		4	1	10	2	156		2
Tally Ho,	46	3	4	13	2	3	188	35	
Total	244	37	118	144	178	42	1448	157	126

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PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis' Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. W. Downey	Buchanon, N. C.	Saturday before 1st Sunday
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, "	G. W. Denny	Roxboro, "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before
Bethany	C. R. Hairfield	Greystone, Va.	R. L. Tilley	Hampton, "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill, N. C.	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Concord	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor, "	J. D. Clark	Creedmoor, "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, "	A. A. Overton	Clay, "	2nd " " " "
Enon	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill, "	R. M. Currin	Oxford, "	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse, "	T. H. Perry	Beck, "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	H. B. Mashburn	Wake Forest, "	M. B. Walker	Knapp of Reeds, "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	H. T. Williams	Roxboro, "	Rufus Amis	Virgilina, Va.	1st " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram, N. C.	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H Marsh	Oxford, "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset, "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " " "
Mary's Chapel	Z. W. Wheelous	Grissom, "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom, "	1st " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro, "	J. L. Gentry	Allensville, "	4th " " " "
Mountain Creek	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill, "	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone, "	3rd " " " "
Mount Harmony	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill, "	T. K. Jones	Surl, "	4th " " " "
Mount Zion	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	J. F Meadows	Culbreth, "	1st " " " "
New Light	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor, "	A. B. Lassiter	New Light, "	Saturday before 1st Sunday
Olive Branch	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill, "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock, "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before
Olive Grove	W. Y. Chappell	Flint, "	W. T. Perry	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford, "	J. H. Long	Oxford, "	Every Sun. morn & night.
Peace Chapel	T B. Hill	Blue Wing, "	H. F Jeffreys	Kittrell, "	4th Sunday and Sat. befor
Pleasant Grove	J. E. Smith	Creedmoor, "	W. A Hester	Hester, "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Poplar Creek	T. B. Hill	Blue Wing, "	P. E. Rowland	Carlton, "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Providence	E. S Pierce	Bethel Hill, "	G. W. Buchanon	Roxboro, "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	J. R. Turner	Woburn, "	4th Sunday and Sat. before
Roxboro	H. T. Williams	Roxboro, "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro, "	2nd & 4th Sundays & even'g
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville, "			
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	T. A. Royster	Bullock, "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	E. M. Hart	Dexter, "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before
Tally Ho	J. E Smith	Creedmoor, "	G. W. Royster	Hargrove, "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before

Report of H. M. Shaw, Treasurer Flat River Association.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fd.	Frn. Miss.	Home Miss.	State Miss.	Education.	Orphanage	Min. Rel't.	Branch S S Fr. Miss.
Amis Chapel,	1 52	.....	.....	5 75	.....	5 00	....	....
Antioch,	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	....	....
Bethel,	2 00	.....	10 80	50	.....	.....	....	....
Bethany,	1 00	89	1 65	90	3 80	3 80	59	....
Corinth,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Concord,	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Enon,	2 00	7 30	13 60	11 70	3 55	12 80	....	....
Enon S. S.	.....	10 70	.....	.....	.....	2 86	....	2 86
Florence Avenue,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 05	.....	....	....
Flat River Union,	1 00	.....	.....	4 35	.....	.....	....	....
Fellowship,	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Grassy Creek,	50	9 50	25	.....	.....	4 55	....	....
Hester's,	1 00	18 00	6 65	8 00	8 10	5 00	....	....
Hester's S. S.	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Island Creek,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mt. Harmony,	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mill Creek,	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	2 72	....	....
Mt. Zion,	1 50	40 15	13 25	11 75	9 00	17 75	....	....
Mt. Creek,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mt. Creek S. S.	.....	2 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Mary's Chapel,	50	1 00	.....	48	.....	1 00	....	....
New Light,	75	1 05	.....	2 00	.....	.....	....	....
Olive Branch,	1 75	.....	6 25	6 50	.....	6 30	....	....
Olive Grove,	50	40	73	50	.....	2 40	....	....
Oxford,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Poplar Creek,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Poplar Creek, S. S.	.....	2 59	2 58	2 58	.....	.....	....	....
Providence,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	....	....
Pleasant Grove,	1 30	5 00	3 50	3 50	.....	3 00	....	....
Peace Chapel,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Roxboro,	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Rock Spring,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
State Line,	1 00	3 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Stovall,	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Tally Ho,	1 72	2 00	30	.....	.....	11 25	....	....
Collection at Asso-	.....	3 79	.....	3 79	.....	.....	....	....
Total,	$3 44	$115 56	$62 56	$62 30	$29 75	$79 35	59	2 86

To amount collected at Association,	$390 81	
By am't. paid W. L. Foushee, Clerk,		$ 37 00
By am't. paid J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		273 62
By am't paid J. H. Mills, Supt.,		79 35
By am't paid postage,		14
	$390 81	$390 81

H. M. SHAW, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Church Expense	State missions	Home missions	Foreign missions	Education.	Orphanage	Gospel missions	Poor	Minute & all other Objects
Amis' Chapel	$150	$160 00	$ 5 75	$ 5 00	.....	$ 2 40	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 4 00	$ 1 52
Antioch	150	.....	3 60	3 25	$ 2 00	1 25	†	.....	.....	1 50
Bethany	.....	10 15	90	1 05	89	6 22	3 08	.....	.....	1 59
Bethel	200	12 32	9 59	10 88	.....	100 00	18 00	120 58	2 40	2 00
Bethel S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 76	2 90	.....	28 59
Concord	150	17 00	15 00	11 45	15 00	.....	14 50	.....	.....	1 50
Corinth	125	8 00	2 19	3 56	4 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Enon	200	30 00	11 70	13 60	15 42	3 55	12 80	.....	14 26	2 00
Enon S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 57	.....	34 19	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	100	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 85	4 00	1 60
F. R. Union	125	.....	14 70	5 55	6 00	11 00	9 95	.....	6 00	1 00
Florence Avenue	150	10 00	5 00	4 27	4 89	2 05	6 15	.....	.....	9 00
Grassy Creek	200	37 00	6 35	8 90	9 50	3 26	4 55	.....	4 75	50
Hester's	200	10 00	8 00	6 65	18 00	8 10	5 00	.....	.....	1 00
Hester's S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	200	30 00	6 03	6 40	22 47	3 70	7 00	.....	10 00	1 50
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	48	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	50
Mill Creek	200	6 80	7 95	3 00	6 60	2 00	2 72	.....	.....	1 00
Mountain Creek	150	32 00	15 00	11 45	10 12	3 27	.....	22 50	.....	6 12
Mt. Creek S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Harmony	.....	5 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
Mt. Zion	200	365 44	11 75	13 25	40 15	9 00	17 75	3 00	24 00	1 80
Slaughter fund	.....	.....	300 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	131 67	.....	
New Light	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Olive Branch	100	19 71	6 50	6 25	8 82	15 71	6 30	.....	7 80	1 75
Olive Grove	.....	.....	50	73	40	.....	2 40	.....	.....	50
Oxford	900	210 00	16 00	21 00	43 50	20 00	25 35	.....	10 80	7 00
Peace Chapel	100	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	11 00
Pleasant Grove	100	.....	3 50	3 50	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	6 00	1 30
Poplar Creek	150	90	.....	.....	7 28	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00
Poplar Creek S S	.....	.....	2 58	2 58	2 59	.....	5 50	.....	.....	
Providence	.....	.....	.....	2 81	.....	.....	90	.....	3 39	
Rock Spring	100	18 50	6 89	5 75	11 15	4 20	3 84	.....	6 25	1 00
§Roxboro	400	88 13	35 00	18 00	62 64	15 58	23 85	.....	.....	7 31
Roxboro S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 47	.....	.....	.....
State Line	125	67 84	6 08	7 25	3 85	3 75	3 80	.....	.....	1 08
Stovall	150	22 00	5 00	4 40	13 10	5 25	4 21	.....	.....	1 25
Tally Ho	150	6 00	2 52	4 65	2 00	2 85	11 25	.....	10 00	1 72
Collec. at Asso.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 44	.....	.....	.....
Total	4775 00	1226 85	511 56	176 08	553 09	254 06	269 81	394 50	113 65	190 58

†10 1-2 bushels wheat. §Woman's Aid Society raised and contributed for various objects $20.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

STOVALL BAPTIST CHURCH,

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.

August 11th, 12th, and 13th, '96.

ODERATOR, B. S. ROYSTER, - - Oxford, N. C.
LERK, W. L. FOUSHEE, - - - Roxboro, N. C.
REASURER, H. M. SHAW, - - Oxford, N. C.

ROXBORO, N. C.
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MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev. J. W. Atkinson,	Neuse,	N. C.
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill,	"
" W. Y. Chappell,	Flint,	"
" M. P. Davis,	Creedmoor,	"
" R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
" M. H. Ellen,	Durham,	"
" P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill,	"
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	"
" T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing,	"
" R. H. Jones,	Bethel Hill,	"
" J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	"
" R. H. Marsh, D. D.,	Oxford,	"
" H. H. Mashburn,	Wake Forest,	"
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
" E. Y. Pool,	Wake Forest,	"
" J. T. Riddick,	Bethel Hill,	"
" J. E. Smith,	Creedmoor,	"
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
" G. T. Watkins,	Roxboro,	"
" Z. H. Wheelous,	Grissom,	"
" H. T. Williams,	Roxboro,	"

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Downey,	Bethel Hill.	N. C.
J. H. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	"
C. R. Taylor,	Wake Forest,	"

SKETCH OF OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

WRITTEN BY REV. R. I. DEVIN.

The pastor of this church deemed it to be a suitable time, at the opening of this new house of worship, to have a short historical address on the origin and organization of the Oxford Baptist church. I was requested to perform this service, in as much as I was instrumental under God in gathering and constituting the church, consequently, I have a more accurate knowledge of its early movements than any other person now living; and I may be permitted to say that I am at the present time the only individual belonging to this church who was a constituent member at its organization, and having labored as pastor during a number of the best years of my life to promote its growth and prosperity, I still feel, in old age, a deep and abiding interest in the success of the Baptist church in the town of Oxford.

In 1846 I was appointed by the Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention to labor within the bounds of the Flat River Asssociation. Oxford was particularly designated as an important point for the Baptists to occupy and I was specially requested to make a preaching station to build up the Baptist cause, and establish, if possible a Baptist church. Oxford was represented in the meeting of the Board as a lovely place, containing some seven hundred inhabitants, with good schools and an intelligent and refined citizenship.

The first place I visited in the county of Granville was Oxford on the first of November, 1846, (50 years ago) While there were many Baptists in the county of Granville, there were very few in the town of Oxford, from the fact that no efforts had ever been made to build up the Baptist cause in the town. I found one Brother (Wm. Hunter) and five sisters (Louisa House, Margaret Grice, C. R. Herndon, Ianna Burnett and Anna Whitamore,) who were willing to co-operate with me in efforts to build up the Baptist cause in the town. There were quite a number of persons living in the place who were Baptists in sentiment. How shall we proceed? Where shall we hold our services? were important questions. We have no house of worship—the court house is not a very suitable place of worship. The outlook for establishing a Baptist church in the town of Oxford, in the near future, was indeed gloomy. In our perplexity as to the place where to hold our services, the Presbyterian brethren came to our aid and generously tendered their house of worship for our use at any time except the second and fourth Sundays in each month; these days were occupied by their pastor, Rev. Jacob Doll, a godly man, who cordially approved of the arrangement. The offer was thankfully accepted and I filled their pulpit for a considerable time without the least jar, until our own house of worship was ready for occupation. In the meantime a subscription paper was circulated to raise funds to build a church house for the Baptists. The amount subscribed was utterly inadequate to build such a house as we desired. At this crisis Mr. R. N. Herndon came to our assistance, proposing to take the subscriptions, whatever they might be, much or little, and build up a good house of worship upon his own responsibility. Mr. Herndon gave the ground and $2,000, receiving very little from the subscriptions, and then he donated the house, lot and all to the Baptists. Mr. Herndon was a wealthy, public-spirited man and a strong friend of the Baptists, though not himself a member of the church. He began to build in 1847 and completed the house in 1848, which was dedicated to the worship of God July, 1848. Dr. Wm. Hooper preached the sermon on the occasion. On September 2 1848, the church was duly organized by Elders J. B. Jeter, D. D., and Robt. I. Devin with fifteen members, four males and eleven females

At the first church conference after its constitution (the 30th September, 1848) I was chosen pastor, which position I held some nine years. The little band labored and sacrificed, amid difficulties and discouragements in building up the cause of Christ, neither asking for nor receiving any pecuniary aid from any Board after the church was organized. Trusting in God for help we pressed forward increasing gradually in membership and efficiency, and in the course of a few years, the church went up in numbers from fifteen to eighty members.

"The Lord has been with us, and He is still with us, and He has promised to be with us to the end."

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give the christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of the benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Asssociation shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of constitution.

MINUTES.

STOVALL, N. C., August 11, 1896.

The Flat River Baptist Association met to-day at 11 o'clock in its one hundred and third annual session with Stovall Baptist Church, and was called to order by A. C. Parham, Moderator of the previous session.

The introductory sermon was delivered by G. T. Watkins, of Roxboro, N. C., from Acts 10: 38;—"who went about doing good." Subject:—"How to serve God."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association assembled in regular session. Devotional exercises were led by H. T. Williams, Roxboro, N. C.

Brethren T. B. Hill and B. S. Royster, being appointed Reading clerks, the roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS' CHAPEL—W. G. Rogers,* A. H. Garner, J. W. Downey.

ANTIOCH—No letter.

BETHANY—A. S. Carrington, W. H. Copley,* J. T. Newton.

BETHEL—T. D. Woody, J. H. Humphries,* J. N. Ranes.*

CONCORD—T. B. Lyon,* W. B. Currin,* S. N. Goss.*

CORINTH—J. S. Gordon, J. P. Buchanan,* S. H. Usry.*

CREDMOOR—J. E. Freeman,* J. F. Sandeford.*

ENON—J. P. Cannaday,* E. K. Howard, J. M. Phipps.

FELLOWSHIP—W. S. Beck,* T. M. Thomason, M. F. Adcock.*

FLAT RIVER UNION—Pervis Tilly, L. A. Roycroft,* J. F. Green.

FLORENCE AVENUE—Rufus Amis,* J. B. Tuck,* Ralph Currin.

GRASSY CREEK—Robert Davis, J. L. Clark, H. M. Tally.

HESTERS—E. H. Pruitt, J. H. Morris, Lawson Knott.

Island Creek—J. G. Morgan, D. W. Knott, R. A. Evans.*

Mary's Chapel—J. Z. Allen, Obed Wheelous.

Mill Creek—S. R. Chambers,* J. W. Clayton,* L. K. Buchanon.

Mcuntain Creek—J. E. Frazier, W. J. Downey,* J. S. Eakes.*

Mt. Harmony—D. E. Peed,* I. A. Humphries,* S. E. Peed.

Mt. Zion—W. R. Cox, J. T. Reagan, B. D. Howard.

New Light—J. H. Lee,* R. T. Keith,* W. A. King.

Olive Branch—E. Y. Pool, G. W. Stovall,* T. N. Oakley.*

Olive Grove—E. M. Perry,* T. A. Sheron,* Nat. Keith.*

Oxford—A. C. Parham, H. J. Council, B. S. Royster.

Peace Chapel—W. W. Dickerson,* J T. Williams, J. C. Tippett.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, I. J. Odear.*

Poplar Creek—G. W. Wright, James Greenway, Stephen Green.

Providence—No letter.

Rock Spring—B. F. Knott,* F. D. Harris,* T. J. Richardson.*

Roxboro—W. L. Foushee, W. W. Kitchin, J. J. Lansdell.

Snow Hill—P. H. Griffin,* S. T. Slaughter,* P. G. Montague.*

State Line—W. S. Gordon, W. B. Royster, J. S. Royster.*

Stovall—G. W. Hart, J. W. Stovall, G. O'Brien.

Tally¡Ho—J. C. Washington,* H. M Bragg,* J. E. Duncan.

Election of officers being in order, Moderator A. C. Parham, having been an officer of the Association for twenty-one years, declined to allow the consideration of his name for re-election. B. S. Royster was put in nomination and the Clerk instructed to cast the ballot for him. The present encumbents, W. L. Foushee, Clerk and H. M. Shaw, Treasurer were re-elected.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats in our midst: J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Thomasville Orphanage; J. W. Bailey, Editor of The Biblical Recorder; J. C. Caddell, Agent for The Biblical Recorder; John Mitchell, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education; W. C. Johnson, of South Side Academy, Chase City, Va; J. E. White,

*Absent.

Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention; G. W. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist.

The Moderator announced that the following Committees had been appointed:

Foreign Missions—W. W. Kitchin, J. B. Elloit, Ralph Currin.
State Missions—P. H. Fontaine, Chairman.
Home Missions—M. P. Davis, "
Education—H. T. Williams, "
Sunday Schools—T. H. Street, "
Orphanage—J. A. Beam.
Periodicals—F. W. Hancock, F. Knott, E. K. Howard.
Temperance—B. D. Howard, J. A. Stradley.

The Committee on Order of Business was appointed to consist of J. S. Hardaway, B. D. Howard, Lawson Knott. This Committee immediately offered their report which adopted thus:

Tuesday—3 to 4 o'clock p. m., Orphanage.
Wednesday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.
From 10 to 11 o'clock, Home Missions.
From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.
From 11:30 to 12:30 State Missions.
Adjournment till 2 p. m.
From 2 to 3 p. m., Foreign Missions.
From 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.
Thursday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.
From 10 to 11 o'clock, Ministerial Relief.
From 11 to 12 o'clock, Sunday Schools.
From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

The report on Orphanage not being in hand, J. B. Boone General Manager of Orphanage was invited to address the body. Among other things he said:

"The support of the Orphanage for the past year has been liberal. We lacked only $3.27 of raising enough to pay current expenses. Besides this we have raised a considerable part of the fund for the Central Building. And we have taken care of more orphans by 11 than in any previous year. We closed the year with 144. The health of the Orphanage has been excellent. We have been almost exempt from any serious sickness during the year. The contract for the Central Building will be let out this week, and the work will commence at once. Our Central Building will give us an increased capacity for 80 more orphans, which will

enable us to take 200. The amount to erect the proposed building has not been entirely raised; we need funds and we sincerely hope that every church in the Association will raise for it a contribution. This increased capacity of course will demand an increased amount for current expenses. We suggest that all our churches and Sunday schools contribute to our current fund regularly.

J. C. Caddell spoke earnestly in commendation of the work of Manager Boone and his wife. J. E. Smith also discussed the Orphanage.

R. H. Marsh offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Flat River Association accepts the proposition of the Orphanage to place a monumental tablet in the Central Building at Thomasville Orphanage in lieu of the Flat River Building for which funds have been contributed.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to locate the tablet and to prepare a suitable inscription.

After discussion by R. H. Marsh, J. A. Beam, B. D. Howard, T. B. Hill, it was adopted.

R. H Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley were appointed a Committee to arrange the Tablet.

T. B. Hill moved that this Committee report to this session of the Association with regard to the inscription.

The following was adopted:

THE REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We turn our eyes with peculiar delight to the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the 144 orphans provided for there last year. This grand institution was never so prosperous as now and never so dear to hearts of our people. The erection of the Central Building promises a great blessing to the institution and our denomination as it affords an opportunity for us to give and greatly increases the facilities for more and better work. The Orphanage is ours, the officers and teachers are ours. As such we owe them our sympathy, our love, our prayers and our support.

J. A. BEAM,
Chairman.

A. C. Parham moved that a Committee on Family Prayers and Private Devotion be appointed.

The Moderator announced that the Presbyterian brethren of Stovall had offered the use of their church to the Association; and appointed the Pastor and Deacons of this church a committee to arrange religious exercises during the sitting of the Association.

W. C. Johnson made remarks concerning South Side Academy of Virginia.

J. B. Boone urged the claims of The Charity and Children.

The Association adjourned after benediction by J. E. White.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 12th, 1896.

The Association reassembled at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Smith, Creedmoor, N. C. The Minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

Committees on Time, Place and Preacher consisting of B. D. Howard, A. S. Carrington, and W. A. Hester, and on Family Prayers and Private Devotion consisting of A. C. Parham, G. W. Hart and J. G. Morgan were announced.

In absence of Report on Home Missions, G. T. Watkins moved that Periodicals be considered. The Clerk then read the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The interest which we as Baptists feel in our denominational work depends largely upon the amount of information which we have received concerning it—and in this direction good periodicals are helpful and, therefore, indispensable. They are the great disseminators of information, and thus they are the great educators of our people.

As Baptists, we need at our firesides, where the young of our denomination may read them, sound, vigorous, fearless periodicals, which should always be faithful and able defenders and promoters of our interest. Such as these will inform them of the needs of our people and of the work which we as God's children are attempting to accomplish. By imparting such instruction they will elevate and improve them.

Believing that it will have this effect and be helpful to every Baptist who aims at a high degree of influence and usefulness, your Committee would most earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder, the N. C. Baptist, Charity and Children, the periodicals issued by the Home and Foreign Mission Board, Our Young Peoples Paper, published at Nashville, Tenn., by the Sunday School Board, and our Sunday School literature, published both at Nashville and Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. HANCOCK,
F. KNOTT, } Com.
E. K. HOWARD.

This report was discussed by J. W. Bailey editor of Biblical Recorder; G. W. Cobb of North Carolina Baptist; J. B. Boone of Charity and Children; and J. C. Caddell of Biblical Recorder and was adopted.

P. E. Fitcher, of Scottsburg, Va., was recognized and welcomed.

J. A. Stradley announced that P. E. Fitcher would preach at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock.

On motion the subject of State Missions was taken up instead of Home Missions and P. H. Fontaine read the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

According to the minutes of the N. C. Baptist State Convention for 1895 the statistics of State Missions are as follows:

Missionaries, 106; sermons preached, 20934; addresses delivered, 21303; mission churches, 335; out stations supplied, 1246; baptisms, 1768; added by letter, 1263; new churches constituted, 56; new Sunday schools constituted, 187; pages of tracts and other religious literature distributed by the Cor. Secretary, 25000; receipts, $11.402.58; disbursements, $11.092.36; balance on hand, $310.22.

The Board is trying to raise $15.000 for this year. At the last meeting of this Association the churches reported $511.56 for State Missions.

P. H. FONTAINE, Ch'mn.

This report was discussed by J. E. White and W. C. Johnson.

Roll of churches was called and churches agreed to try to raise the following amounts for State Missions: Amis' Chapel $10, Bethel $10, Bethany $5, Concord $10, Florence Avenue $5, Flat River Union $10, Hester's $10, Island Creek $10, Oxford $25, Pleasant Grove $5, Stovall $10, Tally Ho $5, Wm. R. Cox $5; while other churches promised to raise "all we can."

On motion a cash collection was taken and $6.47 raised for State Missions. The report was then adopted.

J. A. Beam, about to leave, urged the claims of Bethel Hill Institute.

T. B. Hill moved that a Colportage System be established and a committee be appointed to report on same. The Moderator appointed T. B. Hill, P. H. Fontaine, G. W. Wright as committee.

R. H. Marsh from Committe on Orphanage Tablet Inscription made a report, which after discussion by F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Marsh, and J. S. Hardaway, and amendment, was adopted to read as follows:

"This Tablet is placed here to perpetuate the history of the liberality of the Flat River Association towards the Orpanage in contributing funds for a Flat River building."

On motion of H. T. Williams A. C. Parham was elected delegate to the Scuthern Baptist Convention.

B. D. Howard, W. W. Kitchin, F. P. Hobgood were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

F. P. Hobgood moved that the Clerk be instructed to secure and insert in the Minutes a sketch of Oxford church prepared by Rev. R. I. Devin.

The Association was dismissed for recess with prayer by John Mitchell.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association on reassembling was led in prayer by H. T. Williams, Roxboro, N. C.

A letter was read from the Baptist church of Creedmoor, N. C., requesting admission to the Flat River Association. A. C. Parham, J. A. Stradley, G. T. Watkins, and H. T. Williams were named a committee to examine into the articles of faith of this church. Upon a satisfactory report of the Committee, on motion the Creedmoor church was admitted into full fellowship.

Foreign Missions being the next subject in order the following report was read, which, after discussion by J. E. White, P. H. Fontaine, J. S. Hardaway, and T. B. Hill, was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ is the great Commissioner. To those who follow Him He says: "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." An anti-mission church is an anti christian church. For that the Gospel is for all men is a truth not secondary—something that may or may not be inferred after one has accepted Christianity but it is vital, central, interwoven in the very character of Christianity. One cannot really accept it at all without accepting this with it. Every Christian is a missionary. He may have been reared in a Christian land, nurtured in a Christian home, or he may have been born a pagan and "suckled on a creed outworn," but if he has been born again and has felt the throb of Christ life he cannot avoid the obligation of giving the Gospel to those without it.

Your Committee reports that under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention we have 118 missionaries including native missionaries, and we are rejoiced to report that never before in the history of our work has God so signally blessed the work of our missionaries in the foreign fields. For last year 735 baptisms are reported. $102,056.15 was received by the Board for this work during last year. This lacked $3000 being as much as was expended. Your Committee urges that every pastor in the Flat River Association do his utmost to inform the people of the great need which exists in China, Japan, Italy, South America and Mexico, and bring our churches to that high point of service demanded by Christ from those who are His, for those for whom He died.

W. W. KITCHIN,
RALPH CURRIN,
J. B. ELLIOTT. } Com.

J. A. Stradley announced that Sister F. M. Meadows would meet on Thursday morning in Heggie's Hall all ladies interested in Ladies' Missionary Societies to discuss that work.

H. T. Williams of Committee read the sollowing:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The imperative necessity of an education for everybody is universally conceded. The question now is how to secure it, and what are the true conditions under which it can be acquired. We urge upon all our brethren their duty to give the fullest possible education to each child committed to their care. Every child should receive a business education, and primary schools and academies should be maintained. All who desire it should have Higher Education.

We highly commend Bethel Hill Institute, Oxford Female Seminary, and Wake Forest College in their respective work to the youths and parents of this Association as eminently worthy of their patronage. We are in hearty sympathy with the effort to establish at Raleigh the Baptist Female University, and commend it to the liberality of our churches.

We especially commend our work of aiding young men who feel called of God to preach the Gospel and who have not the necessary knowledge for the best work nor the means of obtaining it. We aided thirty five at Wake Forest last year, and several received assistance at Bethel Hill. We regret that a debt has been incurred at Wake Forest, and it seems now that we will have to refuse assistance to many for the coming session who really ought to be helped. We ask you to prayerfully consider your duty in this matter.

We desire to express ourselves as being unalterably opposed to being taxed to give Higher Education to a limited number of our youths who are abundantly able either at the time or aftewards to pay for their own higher education.

H. T. WILLIAMS, Ch'mn.

H. T. Williams, P. H. Fontaine, J. E. Smith, F. P. Hobgood, and John Mitchell discusseed the report.

John Mitchell, Secretary of the Board of Education called the roll of churches which agreed to try to raise amounts for Ministerial Education as follows:

Amis' Chapel $5, Bethany $5, Concord $5, Enon $5, Flat River Union $5, Florence Avenue $2, Grassy Creek $5, Hester's $5, Island Creek $5, Mill Creek $10, Mt. Zion $5, Oxford $20, Rock Springs $5, Roxboro $15, State Line $2.50, Stovall $5, Tally Ho $5.

The report was then adopted.

B. D. Howard of the Committee offered

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

We recommend Bethel Church as the place of meeting of the next Association and Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in July 1897, as the time, the introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. H. H. Mashburn; J. A. Stradley, alternate.

Respectfully submitted, B. D. HOWARD, W. A. HESTER, } Com.

Report was adopted.

Treasurer H. M. Shaw read his report, which was adopted, and which is herein appended.

J. A. Stradley announced preaching by H. T. Williams at night at this church.

The Association was dismissed with prayer by R. H. Marsh.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 13, 1896.

On the the reassembling of the Association at 9:30 o'clock J. W. Downey conducted devotional exercises.

The Clerk called the Association to order. A telegram from Moderator B. S. Royster explained his absence on the account of the death of his brother-in-law William Royall Hobgood. On motion, G. T. Watkins was chosen to act as Moderator.

The proceedings of Wednesday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called and absences noted.

R. H. Marsh moved the adoption of the following :

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

RESOLVED, That the Flat River Association now in session hears with deep sorrow of the accidental death of Bro. William Royall Hobgood of Oxford, N. C., and that the delegates and friends, here assembled, express their tenderest and most profound sympathy for Prof. F. P. and Sister Hobgood, the father and mother. And that we earnestly pray that a kind Heavenly Father, will comfort and sustian each member of the stricken household upon whom this great bereavement so heavily falls.

R. H. MARSH, B. D. HOWARD, A. C. PARHAM, } Com.

Special prayer for the bereaved family was engaged in, led by Brother John Mitchell.

J. A. Stradley offered the

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF BOARD.

This Board was created by the Baptist State Convention, and

located in the town of Durham, for the purpose of aiding old and helpless ministers, who have worn themselves out in the ministry; and who, unless aided, must live and die destitute of the common comforts of life. The life of a minister is, as a rule, a life of poverty, leaving old age unprovided for. And yet, what class of men have been so helpful to others? This Board also helps the widows of the above described ministers. It is a noble work, and should share more largely in our attention, prayers, sympathies, and contributions.

The beneficiaries of this Board receive aid in the homes where they live. The Board decides who are worthy objects for aid, and distribute funds according to their needs. About eleven are now helped. These need more help, and twice or three times as many more need help, and ought to have it. Let every church take a part in this noble work.

J. A. STRADLEY,
G. W. WRIGHT, } Com.
H. T. SHANKS,

After discussion by J. A. Stradley, W. C. Johnson it was adopted.

In absence of the Committee the Clerk read the report on Sunday schools, which, after discussion by John Mitchell, and T. B. Hill, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to believe there is a gradual upward movement in our Sunday School work, but sorry to know there is not that progress that should be. The greatest hindrance to organized schools is poor teaching, which can be wonderfully helped by dividing the Association in districts of convenient size, and all teachers and superintendants meet together several times a year in teacher's meetings, the same to be conducted by competent men, and we further believe a large attendance in the Sunday School Chautauqua which meets annually, to be very stimulating and a great factor in removing the hindrance as named aforesaid.

T. H. STREET, Ch'mn.

The Clerk read the following :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If our churches would come up to the full measurement of their duty in regard to temperance intemperance might be stayed. Let our churches cease to tolerate intemperance in their communion and let them as speedily as possible purge themselves of all members who drink intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and let it be seen that it is almost as impossible for a dram drinker to enter into Christ's visible kingdom here on earth (our churches) as it will be for him to enter into eternal life hereafter, and let our ministers and laymen do their duty against this wide spread sin of intemperance and a great deal will be done to bring about a sound and hearty public sentiment against this ruinous evil.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HOWARD. } Com.
J. A. STRADLEY. }

This report, after discussion by B. D. Howard, J. E. Smith,

A. C. Parham, P. H. Fontaine, J. M. Phipps, D. S. Lawrence, and J. J. Lansdell, was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to insert a condensed statement from Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning Home Missions in lieu of regular report.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

According to the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention: The Home Missions have been greatly blessed, and have only once before been able to report such results. One missionary, E. L. Campere, has fallen. There are 411 missionaries, 1626 churches and stations, 5617 baptisms, 6672 received by letter, 372 Sunday schools organized, 207 churches constituted, 92 church houses built, $86.209 was expended on church houses, 2595 Bibles distributed, and 726675 pages of tracts distributed. The Board begun the year with $1100 debt, and now (May 1, 1896) has $7950 of debt, but $5150 of this was for property in New Orleans and El Paso. The property of the Board is estimated at $104,580.

The Flat River Association reported only $176.08 for Home Missions last year.

A. C. Parham of the Committee read the following:

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYERS AND PRIVATE DEVOTION.

It has been truly said that prayer is the Christians vital breath, the soul's sincere desire. The Bible teaches us to pray in secret, to pray daily, to pray always, pray believing, and for all men. How important it is that we attend to this duty.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. PARHAM,
JNO. G. MORGAN, } Com.
G. W. HART.

Remarks were made by A. C. Parham, J. A. Stradley, H. T. Williams on this report and it was adopted.

H. T. Williams in behalf of Committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings reported that meetings had been regularly held except in December; and that the sessions had been pleasant and profitable. P. H. Fontaine commended these meetings.

It was moved that a Committee be appointed to continue the Fifth Sunday Meetings.

T. B. Hill offered the following report on Colportage which, after discussion by T. B. Hill, B. D. Howard, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Stradley, J. E. Smith, D. S. Lawrence, R. H. Marsh, and after amendment, was adopted:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Knowing that there are in our Association many false teachers of God's word, viz: The Adventist, Mormans, Seventh Day Baptists, and Roman Catholics, we feel the pressing need of a colporter to work within the bounds of the Flat River Association, to help the pastors and churches, to meet and overcome the influ-

ence of these false teachers. We also are aware of the fact that there is a great deal of destitution in our Association which can only be met by the work of an earnest, active colporter.

We recommend that a committee of five, in or near Oxford, be appointed to secure money and to select and direct a colporter for the Flat River Association.

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. HILL,
P. H. FONTAINE, } Com.
G. W. WRIGHT.

The Moderator announced the chairmen of the Committees for the next meeting of the Association, the Committee on Fifth Sunday Meeting, and the Committee on Colportage all of which may be found below.

A. C. Parham moved that the Clerk be allowed $15 00 for his services.

A. C. Parham offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote :

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to Stovall church, and the people of Stovall and community for their cordial hospitality during her present session.

A letter was read from B. S. Royster, relative to the death of William Royall Hobgood; and on invitation Judge A. W. Graham gave the particulars of the sad accident.

The Doxology was then sung, prayer was offered by John Mitchell of Wake Forest, N. C., and the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July 1897, with Bethel church, Person County, N. C.

B. S. ROYSTER, Moderator.

W. L. FOUSHEE, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.....R. H. Marsh, Chairman.
STATE " .....B. F. Hester, "
HOME " .....E. Y. Pool, "
EDUCATION.....J. E. Smith, "
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....J. W. Downey, "
ORPHANAGE.....W A. Malone, "
PERIODICALS.....J. J. Lansdell, "
TEMPERANCE.....Rufus Amis, "
MINISTERIAL RELIEF.....J. S. Hardaway, "
FAMILY PRAYERS.....B. S. Winston, "
FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS—R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley, J. S. Hardaway,
COLPORTAGE—B. F. Hester, A. C. Parham, J. M. Phipps, R. I. Devin, F. P. Hobgood.
ORPHANAGE TABLET—F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley.

CHURCHES	Minute Fd.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	F'rn. Miss.	Education	Orphanage	Min. Relief
Amis Chapel	1 50						
Antioch	1 50						
Bethel Hill	1 50	10 25					
Bethany	1 00	3 80			40	1 00	1 20
Corinth	1 00						
Concord	75						
Enon	1 50	14 13		15 25	4 80	10 35	
Enon S. S.				21 18			
Florence Avenue	1 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 48		
Flat River Union	1 00	4 85					
Fellowship	1 20						
Grassy Creek	1 00			5 50		7 47	
Hester's	1 20		6 10	8 40	4 55	5 40	
Hester's S. S.				5 00			
Island Creek	1 25						
Mt. Harmony	50						
Mill Creek	2 22						
Mt. Zion	90	13 09		23 79	10 25	22 69	
Mountain Creek	1 50						
Mary's Chapel	50		40	1 00		1 00	
New Light	50	5 00					
Olive Branch	1 00			2 00			
Olive Grove	65	1 40				1 20	
Oxford	2 00						
Poplar Creek	1 25			2 25		3 36	
Pleasant Grove	1 25	4 65					
Peace's Chapel	1 00		2 00				
Roxboro	1 50				15 00		
Rock Spring	1 00						
State Line	1 00					2 35	2 50
Stovall	1 00						
Tally Ho	1 00		30	30	2 00	2 11	
Snow Hill	50						
Collection at Asso.		6 47					
Total	$34 67	$68 64	$10 80	$89 67	$39 48	$56 93	$ 3 70

To total amount received,	$303 89	
By amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		$208 59
" " " J. B. Boone, Supt.		56 93
" " " W. C. Tyree, Ch'mn.,		3 70
" " " W. L. Foushee, Clerk,		34 52
" " " postage,		15
	$303 89	$303 89

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. SHAW, Treas.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis' Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C.	T. S. Chandler	Push Va.	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Antioch	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro "	G. W. Denny	Roxboro N. C.	2nd " " " "
Bethany	J. E. Smith	Creedmoor "	R. L. Tilley	Hampton "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill "	3rd " " " "
Concord	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor "	J. D. Clark	Creedmoor "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	C. R. Gordon	Clay "	2nd " " " "
Creedmoor	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	J. F. Sandeford	Creedmoor "	4th " " " "
Enon	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	D. H. Currin	Oxford "	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	M. F. Adcock	Beck "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	H. T. Williams	Roxboro "	Rufus Amis	Virgilina Va.	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	J. R. Ragsdale	Adoniram N. C.	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	" "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	" "	H. T. Shanks	Winsboro "	3rd " " " "
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom "	1st " " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Roxboro "	J. L. Gentry	Allensville "	1st " " " "
Mountain Creek	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill "	J. S. Eakes	Whetstone "	3rd " " " "
Mount Harmony	M. H. Ellen	Durham "	T. K. Jones	Surl "	4th " " " "
Mount Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	J. F. Meadows	Culbreth "	1st " " " "
New Light	M. P. Davis	Creedmoor "	A. B. Lasaiter	New Light "	2nd " " " "
Olive Branch	J. T. Riddick	Bethel Hill "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock "	2nd " " " "
Olive Grove	W. Y. Chappell	Flint "	W. T. Perry	Roger's Store "	3rd " " " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford "	J. H. Long	Oxford "	Every Sunday morning & night.
Peace Chapel	T. B. Hill	Henderson "	H. F. Jeffreys	Fairport "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	W. A. Hester	Hester "	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	T. B. Hill	Henderson "	H. M. Wright	Carlton "	1st " " " "
Providence	R. H. Jones	Bethel Hill "	G. W. Buchanan	Roxboro "	1st " " " "
Rock Springs	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	J. R. Turner	Woburn Va.	4th " " " "
Roxboro	H. T. Williams	Roxboro "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro N. C.	2nd & 4th Sun. morn. & night.
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	S. T. Slaughter	" "	Every Sunday.
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	T. A. Royster	Bullock "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	" "	E. M. Hart	Dexter "	2nd " " " "
Tally Ho	J. E. Smith	Creedmoor "	J. E. Duncan	Stem "	3rd " " " "

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Restored	Received by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Total Membership	Gain	Loss
Amis Chapel	18	..	1	2	5	..	166	12	...
Antioch	7	..	....	1	...	1	86	5	..
Bethany	9	1	2	..	1	..	77	11	...
Bethel	1	..	2	1	8	2	143	...	8
Concord	..	..	4	..	8	3	126	...	7
Corinth	4	..	8	..	4	2	159	6	..
Creedmor	...	..	9	..	2	..	7	7	...
Enon	10	1	10	1	19	2	167	...	2
Fellowship	...	..	3	5	5	..	110	...	7
Flat River Union	...	3	2	..	6	1	140	...	2
Florence Avenue	4	..	1	3	...	..	62	2	...
Grassy Creek	21	..	5	..	11	6	213	9	...
Hester's	12	2	11	1	31	2	188	...	9
Island Creek	13	..	....	..	...	1	222	12	...
Mary's Chapel	3	..	1	..	1	..	44	3	...
Mill Creek	...	..	5	3	9	1	179	...	8
Mountain Creek	2	..	18	3	11	2	252	4	...
Mount Harmony	...	..	2	..	8	..	59	...	6
Mount Zion	...	..	7	3	28	3	198	...	27
New Light	...	1	....	3	1	..	66	...	3
Olive Branch	1	..	....	11	5	2	124	...	17
Olive Grove	4	..	2	..	2	1	65	3	...
Oxford	1	..	7	1	13	3	229	...	9
Peace Chapel	1	..	2	..	7	..	69	...	4
Pleasant Grove	1	2	1	9	1	2	....	...	8
Poplar Creek	17	..	5	2	1	3	....	16	...
Providence	...	..	....	..	...	..	...	...	...
Rock Spring	9	..	8	4	...	..	....	13	...
Roxboro	...	..	5	..	6	..	103	...	1
Snow Hill	6	1	5	1	...	..	28	11	...
State Line	...	..	1	5	1	1	106	...	6
Stovall	...	..	2	4	10	..	146	...	12
Tally Ho	1	..	3	5	7	..	....	...	8
Total	145	11	132	68	211	38	3634	109	142

CHURCHES	Pastor's salary	Expenses	State missions	Home missions	Foreign missions	Education	Orphanage	Poor	Ministerial Relief	Gospel missions	Central Building	Minute & all other objects	Total
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$ 27 60	$ 13 53	$ 5 90	$10 00	$.....	$ 5 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 1 50	$ 213 56
Antioch	150 00	.....	2 35	1 75	2 50	1 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	166 70
Bethany	125 00	6 95	3 80	1 80	.....	40	1 00	.....	1 20	.....	.....	3 90	144 05
Bethel	200 00	41 00	10 25	.....	.....	1 36	.....	2 40	.....	146 08	.....	12 30	.....
Bethel Hill S. S.	.....	10 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 45	.....	.....	15 49	8 10	3 32	.....
Concord	125 00	7 00	4 85	4 60	8 75	3 25	8 75	20 20	.....	.....	.....	75	.....
Corinth	100 00	14 40	.....	.....	6 93	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	4 05	123 90
Creedmoor	50 00	24 00	2 78	.....	1 60	.....	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 08
Enon	200 00	13 80	14 13	.....	15 25	4 80	10 35	19 40	.....	.....	29 00	14 55	215 35
Enon S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 18	.....	26 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124 70
Fellowship	100 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	13 50	.....	1 20	.....
Flat River Union	150 00	24 00	14 85	10 12	6 85	5 70	8 40	.....	4 35	.....	.....	1 00	230 92
Flat River Union S. S.	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 52	.....	.....	.....	5 75	8 25	32 52
Florence Avenue	150 00	200 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	365 48
Grassy Creek	200 00	15 00	6 45	.....	8 47	4 05	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Hester's	200 00	2 12	5 25	6 10	13 40	4 55	18 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	237 61
Island Creek	150 00	12 00	5 44	3 35	14 65	4 00	7 00	35 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	40	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	2 90
Mill Creek	200 00	24 00	5 15	2 22	5 82	.....	.....	20 75	.....	.....	.....	2 22	253 94
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	3 90	.....	10 55	.....	5 00	39 97	.....	5 33	.....
Mount Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Mount Zion	200 00	80 27	13 09	10 35	23 79	10 25	22 69	9 45	.....	7 00	.....	90	379 47
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	133 16	.....	88 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 59	.....	.....	266 33
New Light	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	5 50
Olive Branch	75 00	7 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	88 25
Olive Grove	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	3 25
Oxford	900 00	1283 98	22 00	11 65	55 38	10 00	31 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	28 05	3362 06
Oxford S. S.	.....	42 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peace Chapel	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	13 60	1 00	206 00
Pleasant Grove	100 00	8 55	4 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 35	148 10
Poplar Creek	150 00	17 13	5 00	2 20	2 25	.....	12 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	190 19
Rock Spring	120 00	8 00	5 09	4 00	8 00	7 00	5 70	27 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	185 09
*Roxboro	400 00	83 00	23 52	35 00	36 35	11 75	28 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	594 26
Roxboro S. S.	.....	35 44	.....	.....	5 45	.....	28 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 57
Snow Hill	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	50	306 50
State Line	125 00	12 00	5 90	.....	.....	2 60	2 35	8 00	5 71	.....	.....	1 00	163 86
Stovall	150 00	162 75	5 40	2 80	8 36	4 25	10 75	1 75	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Tally Ho	130 00	5 00	4 14	5 30	1 36	5 65	5 14	6 60	.....	.....	.....	1 00	164 60

*Ladies Aid Society gave $28.75 for various objects.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Super'tend'nts.	POST OFFICE.	Offi'rs & teach.	Pupils.	Av. attend'ce	Months.	Collections.
Amis Chapel	R. I. Mulchi	Push, Va.	7	35	30	9	$6 45
Antioch							
Bethany	J. T. Newton	Moriah N. C.	5	43			1 12
Bethel	E. D. Jones	Bethel Hill "	11	99	66	12	47 29
Concord	G. M. Veazey	Wilkins "	7	42			3 00
Corinth	D. W. Eakes	Clay "	7	54			95
Creedmoor	T. J. Howerton	Creedmoor "	6	40	25	6	6 25
Enon	E. A. Howard	Oxford "	7	85	75	12	50 00
Fellowship	M. F. Adcock	Beck "	7	40	30	10	5 00
Flat River Union	Pervis Tilly	Knapp of Reeds, "	9	101	58	12	
Florence Avenue	Rufus Amis	Virgilina, "	7	30	20	9	8 00
Grassy Creek	J. L. Clark	Brownsville "	6	33		9	2 97
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Sunset "	10	54	30	12	31 68
Island Creek	J. L. Wilson	Winsboro "					
Mary's Chapel							
Mill Creek	B. F. Gentry	Allensville "	9	47	40	12	4 00
Mountain Creek	R. T. Blackwell	Cornwall "	7	52	25	8	17 87
Mount Harmony							
Mount Zion	B. D. Howard	Culbreth "	8	45	45	12	24 23
New Light							
Olive Branch	S. D. Pool	Yancey "	3	36			6 62
Olive Grove							
Oxford	F. W. Hancock	Oxford "	12	131			42 87
Peace Chapel	J. T. Williams	Fairport "	8	43	20	8	23 00
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smith	Mt. Energy "	8	80	60		13 60
Poplar Creek	J. H. Parham	Carlton "	6	34	23	12	9 89
Providence							
Rock Spring	C. Gordon	Woodworth "	8	64	40	9	4 13
Roxboro	T. H. Street	Roxboro "	7	70			68 57
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	2	28			
State Line	J. S. Royster	Bullock "	9	55	27	9	5 71
Stovall	T. W. Stovall	Stoval "	11	62	30	12	5 96
Tally Ho	H. M. Bragg	Stems "	7		22	12	

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Flat River

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

PERSON COUNTY, N. C.,

July 13th, 14th, and 15th, '97.

MODERATOR, B. S. ROYSTER, - - Oxford, N. C.
CLERK, W. L. FOUSHEE, - - Roxboro, N. C.
TREASURER, F. W. HANCOCK, - - Oxford, N. C.

ROXBORO, N. C.
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MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev.	J. W. Atkinson,	Neuse,	N. C.
"	W. A. Barrett,	Kittrell,	"
"	J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	W. Y. Chappell,	Flint,	"
"	W. R. Cullom,	Wake Forest	"
"	W. T. Creath,	Elmo,	Va.
"	M. P. Davis,	Creedmoor,	N. C.
"	R. I. Devin,	Oxford,	"
"	J. W. Downey,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	M. H. Ellen,	Durham,	"
"	P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford,	"
"	T. B. Hill,	Blue Wing,	"
"	T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	"
"	R. H. Jones,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro,	"
"	D. F. Lawrence,		
"	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	Oxford,	"
"	J. L. Martin,	Rogers' Store,	"
"	H. H. Mashburn,	Wake Forest	"
"	E. J. Montague,	Allensville,	"
"	W. B. Morton,	Roxboro,	"
"	E. Y. Pool,	Wake Forest	"
"	J. T. Riddick,	Bethel Hill,	"
"	J. E. Smith,	Creedmoor,	"
"	J. A. Stradley,	Oxford,	"
"	G. T. Watkins,	Clarksville,	Va.
"	Z. H. Wheelous,	Grissom,	N. C.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Humphries,	Bethel Hill,	N. C.
C. R. Taylor,	Wake Forest,	"

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION:

Foreign Missions,	J. A Stradley.
State Missions,	W. T. Creath.
Home Missions,	P. H. Fontaine.
Education,	W. B. Morton.
Sunday Schools,	B. D. Howard.
Orphanage,	F. P. Hobgood.
Periodicals,	A. R. Foushee.
Temperance,	J. S. Royster.
Ministerial Relief,	R. H. Marsh.
Family Prayers,	J. M. Phipps.

Fifth Sunday Meeting—A. R. Foushee, W. B. Morton, J. A. Beam.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of the benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missoins.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

MINUTES.

BETHEL HILL, N. C., July 13, 1897.

The Flat River Baptist Association met to-day in its one hundred and fourth annual session with Bethel Baptist Church, Person County, N. C.

The introductory sermon was delivered by W. B. Morton, Roxboro, N. C., from I Peter 2:7; "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with B. S. Royster, Moderator of previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C.

Clerk W. L. Foushee and F. W. Hancock acted as Reading Clerks. The roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, viz:

AMIS' CHAPEL—J. W. Downey, J. W. Chandler, J. S. Chandler.

ANTIOCH—P. L. Tapp, J. W. Denny, R. W. Wilkerson.

BETHANY—W. A. Malone, A. S. Carrington, A. J. Tilley.

BETHEL—G. D. Neal, W. P. Howard, W. A. Woody.

CONCORD—W. B. Currin, D. C. Frazier, T. A. Lyon.

CORINTH—C. R. Gordon, S. H. Usry. J. W. Dean.

CREEDMOOR—S. H. Rogers. J. W. Chappel, J. F. Sandeford.

ENON—J. F. Currin, P. H. Royster, J. M. Phipps.

FELLOWSHIP—J. M. Beck, W. S. Beck, T. M. Thomasson.

FLAT RIVER UNION—Pervis Tilley, M. W. B. Veazey, E. H. Veazey.

FLORENCE AVENUE—Rufus Amis, J. T. Brooks, G. J. Jones.

GRASSY CREEK—B. T. Winston, G. T. Pittard, W. J Barnett.

HESTER'S—Lawson Knott, O. J. Pruitt, W. R. Badgett.
ISLAND CREEK—R. J. Woody. J. C. Lemay, F. M. Woody.
MARY'S CHAPEL—J. Z. Allen, Obed Wheelous.
MILL CREEK—R. W. Pugh, J. H. Gentry, T. H. Street.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—W. S. Daniel, C. H. Eakes, W. D. Watkins.
MT. HARMONY—S. E. Peed, J. A. Humphries, T. K. Jones.
MT. ZION—B. D. Howard, Millington Blalock, J. F. Meadows.
OLIVE BRANCH—E. D. Jones, J. R. Hayes, T. J. Melton.
OXFORD—B. S. Royster, F. P. Hobgood, F. W. Hancock.
PLEASANT GROVE—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, D. S. Fuller.
POPLAR CREEK—R. M. Currin, W. N. Critcher, P. C. Parham.
ROCK SPRING—J. M. Hobgood, J. W. Harris, J. R. Turner.
ROXBORO—W. L. Foushee, J. H. Carver, Jno. A. Noell.
SHARON—J. C. Currin, C. L. Knott, R. A. McFarland.
SNOW HILL—N. B. Slaughter, J. M. Long, P. G. Montague.
STATE LINE—W. T. Wilson, G. W. Royster, W. B. Royster.
STOVALL—W. H. Cutts, N. A. Norward, W. S. Green.
TALLY HO—J. C. Washington, J. E. Duncan, H. M. Bragg.

Delegate W. A. McFarland on behalf of Sharon Church organized Nov. 28, 1896, having asked for admission into the Flat River Association, their letter was read on and motion of P. H. Fontaine the request was submitted to a committee. P. H. Fontaine, T. H. Street, F. P. Hobgood were named as Committee.

B. S. Royster, Oxford, N. C., having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, on motion of J. A. Stradley the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for him On motion, W. L. Foushee, Roxboro, N. C., was re-elected Clerk; and F. W. Hancock, Oxford, N. C., was chosen to be Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats with us: J. C. Caddell, of BIBLICAL RECORDER; John Mitchell, D. D., Secretary of Board of Education; S. H. Thompson, of Scottsburg Normal College, Va.; J. H. Lamberth of Beulah Association, N. C.; A. Johnson, of CHARITY AND CHILDREN; J. H. Bass, of Dan River Association, Va.

The Moderator announced the Committees as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—R. H. Marsh, J. F. Meadows, W. B. Royster.
STATE MISSIONS—B. F. Hester, W. B Morton, W. N. Critcher.
HOME MISSIONS—E. Y. Pool, J. M. Hobgood, J. Z. Allen.

EDUCATION—P. H. Fontaine, J. H. Carver, R. H. Rogers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J.W. Downey, J. S. Royster, J. R. Turner.

ORPHANAGE—W. A. Malone, L. Knott, W. A. Hester.

PERIODICALS—T. H. Street, R. M. Currin, W. A. Parham.

TEMPERANCE—J. A. Stradley, B. D. Howard, J. C. Lemay.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—J. S. Hardaway, J. M. Phipps, J. E. Duncan.

FAMILY PRAYERS—J. A. Beam, W. A. Woody, D. Y. Hunt.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—J. F. Currin, E. H. Veazey, J. W. Dean.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—J. A. Beam, W. B. Morton, T. H. Street.

The Committee on Order of Business offered their report which was adopted as follows:

Tuesday—3 to 4 o'clock p. m., Orphanage.

Wednesday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 12:30 State Missions.

Adjournment till 2 p. m.

From 2 to 3 p. m., Foreign Missions.

Erom 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Ministerial Relief.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Home Missions.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

W. A. Malone, of Committee, offered the following

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

It is with delight that we turn our eyes to our Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the 150 orphans provided forthere during the past year. This institutution was never so prosperous as now and never so dear to the hearts of our people.

The Central Building is now completed and is a great inspiration to both teachers and pupils. It greatly increases the facility for more and better work. There is somewhere about $1,000 due on the Central Building, partly covered by subscription. This affords us an opportunity to give, and not only us, but all the Baptists of the State. The Orphanage has been generously supported; but with the increasing number of orphans, increasing calls for larger contributions. We owe them our sympathy, our love, our prayers and, above all, our support.

W. A. MALONE, Chairman.

which was spoken to by A. Johnson; F. P. Hobgood, trustee of the Thomasville Orphanage; and W. A. Malone.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $4.75, which was handed to A. Johnson.

The report was then adopted.

The Association adjourned after prayer by J. A. Beam.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 10 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. C. Duncan, Bethel Hill, N. C.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed J. E. White, Sec'y of State Convention, also J. E. Armstrong and D. J. Harris, both of the Beulah Association.

The report on Sunday Schools not being in hand, on motion T. H. Street read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Never before in the history of the world was the press such a factor for good or evil as the present day.

Therefore, your committee would recommend to our Baptist people the importance of reading such religious Baptist literature as we find in the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children, which we are proud to say were never better, and in order to make them still better, it is absolutely necessary to increase their circulation daily.

We condemn the practice of some Christians of reading Sunday secular papers, believing the practice tends to destroy our Christian Sabbath. Respectfully Submitted,

T. H. STREET, }
W. A. PARHAM, } Com.

This subject was discussed by T. H. Street, and J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder.

F. W. Hancock in behalf of the Editor made a proposition offering the CHARITY AND CHILDREN to the Sunday Schools at club rates of 75 cents a copy, and if it should be thus adopted it will assume the character of a Sunday School paper.

The report was adopted.

J. S. Royster of Committee read the report on Sunday Schools which after amendment proposed by J. H. Lamberth and discussion by F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Beam, T. H. Street, J. A. Stradley, J. E. White was adopted thus:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School, we believe, is one of the greatest aids to our churches. Right here let us insist on every Baptist asking himself or herself the question, "What have I done to advance its interest?" What we need along this line is better trained teachers to consecrate their lives to this noble work. Would we had more men like B. W. Spilman.

Our helps are cheap. We recommend the literature of the

Southern Baptist Convention, and the American Baptist Publication Society. We would insist on the teachers attending the Sunday School Conventions and becoming as well equipped as possible, in order to remove the great hindrance that impedes its progress.

J. W. DOWNEY,
JOE. S. ROYSTER, } Com.
JAS. R. TURNER.

On recommendation of the Committee appointed to examine the articles of faith of Sharon church it was moved that Sharon church be received into the fellowship of the Association. The Moderator thereupon extended a welcome to delegates J. C. Currin, C. L. Knott, R. A. McFarland of that church.

W. B. Morton offered the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Eighty-eight missionaries are at work in twenty-nine Associations, and in fifty-eight counties.

The number of sermons preached; religious visits made; churches built and supplied with preaching; protracted meetings held, conversions; baptisms; the number of Bibles and Testaments and denominational tracts distributed; and the amount of money contributed for building and repairing churches: for State, Home. and Foreign Missions, for Sunday Schools and Colportage, for Ministerial Education, for Relief for Aged Ministers, for Orphanage, and other objects indicate a healthy and hopeful condition of our Mission work.

Our Board needs a small amount to pay balance due our missionaries for last year, and most of the $15,000 appropriated for the present year.

To meet the demands and to avoid the accumulation of a debt at the Convention, it will be necessary for pastors and churches to put forth the most active efforts to raise the full amount appropriated for this year's work.

W. B. MORTON,
W. N. CRITCHER, } Com.
B. F. HESTER,

This subject was discussed by J. E. White, J. H. Lamberth; J. E. Armstrong.

A collection for State Missions amounting to 11.94 was taken and handed the Treasurer.

The roll of churches was called and the following promised to *try* to raise the named amounts: Amis' Chapel, $10.00; Bethany, $5.00; Bethel, $10.00; Enon, $5.00; Florence Avenue, $5.00; Hester's, $8.00; Island Creek, $10.00; Mill Creek, $20.00; Mountain Creek, $6.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00: Olive Branch, $5.00; Pleasant Grove, $5,00; Poplar Creek, $5.00; Oxford, $20,00; Rock Springs, $5.00; Roxboro, $35.00; State Line, $5.00 Stovall, $5.00; Tally Ho, $5.00.

Report was adopted.

The Association was dismissed for recess with prayer by J. E. White.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the Association re-assembled. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va., led in prayer.

R. H. Marsh read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following facts and statements in regard to this work are taken, with slight abbreviations from the Foreign Mission Journal of July, 1897.

THE ORIGIN AND BASIS OF THE WORK.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The gift of God was on account of his love for a lost world. The command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature was but the expression of the will of the Father. As we enter into the love of God and the purpose of God we must become a part of His plan to save a lost world.

All Missions are one. We divide the work according to different localities and call it by different names for convenience, but wherever a soul goes for a soul to teach that one of God and lead him to God, there is a missionary. Blessed the one who is a missionary in his own home—thrice, yea, a thousand times blessed the one who can leave home, friends, loved ones, all, and go in the midst of superstition, sin, iniquity in far distant lands to tell the sweet old story of God's love in Christ.

EARLY FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

The early Christians, driven out of Jerusalem by persecution, "went everywhere preaching the Word." What seemed to them fearful trials was overruled of God to the furtherance of the Gospel.

God called Simon Peter by a vision to a larger conception of the great work entrusted to him, and sent him out as a foreign missionary. Philip, preaching in Samaria, got a further call, and went South to preach to an African as he journeyed. Paul and Barnabas, under the guidance of the Spirit, were set apart for still broader fields of labor. God's love for the world seems to be the higher note to which all of these had and we must have our hearts and lives brought into unison.

THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH.

The Gospel made wonderful progress in the earlier centuries. Then somehow, lethargy seemed to take possession of those who named the name of Christ. False doctrines had gotten hold of the people and with these an indifference of souls for dying men.

The Master's words of simple faith and salvation were largely lost sight of in a glamour of senseless ceremonies and superstitious theories, while sin abounded. The world had gotten into the church. God hasten the day when Christ shall be enthroned King again! Oh for the day when every church and every member thereof will be a living representative of Jesus, working to save men.

THE REVIVAL.

With the Reformation came a deeper sense of sin and more longing for true piety and holy living. The several denominations of Christians, but more especially the Moravians, began in the spirit of Christ to reach out with the Gospel for lost men in lands of heathen darkness. In England, God's Spirit was working mightily in the heart of an humble cobbler and preacher, William Carey. The story is known of his going out to India in 1793. With Carey began a new era for Foreign Missions. The doctrine emphasized by Christ in his farewell words flashed out again upon God's people.

GOD'S CALL TO AMERICAN BAPTISTS.

Then God called to some in America, and sent them to the foreign fields. Judson and his wife and Luther Rice went out as missionaries of another denomination, but on a closer study of God's Word became Baptists. In this way the Baptists of America providentially had missionaries on the foreign field before they were organized for the work at home.

The General Missionary Convention of the Baptists of the United States organized May 21, 1814. Luther Rice returned to this country, traveled and raised funds, while Judson stood at his post in the foreign land. The work grew. Later a division was made among the Baptists in America, and the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., May 8, 1845.

At that Convention two standing Committees were appointed to look after the Mission work of the Convention. The one to look after the work in th home land was named the Domestic (afterwards Home) Mission Board, and the other, to look after the Mission work in foreign lands, was named the Foreign Mission Board. These two committees are appointed by the Convention each year, and are the servants of their brethren in the Master's work.

OUR MISSION FIELDS.

COUNTRIES.	Organization.	Missionaries.	Native Assistants.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Membership.
China,	1845	39	43	20	167	1,364
Africa,	1850	7	7	6	29	284
Italy,	1870	3	28	21	93	490
Mexico,	1880	15	17	29	112	1,116
Brazil,	1882	10	11	18	251	1,022
Japan,	1889	6	4	1	8	48
Totals,		80	110	95	660	4,324

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The Foreign Board, from the first meeting of the Convention, has been located in Richmond, Va. The organization is just the same size now as was agreed upon at the first meeting in Augusta, Ga.

THE SITUATION.

We closed the last Conventional year with a debt of $13,500. Our running expenses on the present basis of operations are about $107,000 per annum. That is we will need for this year, all told, at least $120,000. The Board has decided that it will be best to take up no new debt. Only about half of what was promised at the Convention has been paid in up to the 15th of June.

At present the whole amount is in sight and is confidently expected to be in hand at an early date.

The efforts of our Sisters in the "Woman's Missionary Union," auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention are worthy of all praise and commendation. Their contribution in money was, last year, $23,476.33.

The Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va., at the small cost of 25 cents a year, for a club of ten or more, ought to be in general circulation among the churches.

Respectfully Submitted, R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

The report was discussed by R. H. Marsh, J. E. White, G. T. Watkins, S. H. Thompson, J. S. Hardaway, and P. H. Fontaine.

Churches agreed to *try* to raise amounts for Foreign Missions as follows: Amis' Chapel, $10; Enon, $10; Florence Avenue, $5; Mill Creek, $20; Mt. Zion, $5; Oxford, $60; Poplar Creek, $15; Roxboro, $50; State Line, $5; Stovall, $5; Tally Ho, $5.

Report was adopted as read.

P. H. Fontaine read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education, according to their report at the Baptist State Convention of 1897, aided during the year, 36 young ministers, ten of whom graduated during the year. The maximum aid furnished was $9.00 per month; and this was not a gift, but a loan, to be returned after five years, without interest. The number of young Minister's needing help is greater now than ever before.

Receipts of the Board from Treasurer, - - -	$2,942,43
Receipts of the Board borrowed, - - - -	300.00
Paid out during the year, - - -	$3,226.90.

The Committee would recommend, as worthy of the support of the Association: Wake Forest College, The Female University, now being built at Raleigh; Oxford Female College, and Bethel Hill Institute, where elven young men are preparing for the ministry.

P. H. FONTAINE, Chairman.

S. H. Thompson and John Mitchell spoke to this report.

John Mitchell called the roll and churches agreed to *try* to raise for Ministerial Education amounts as follows: Antioch, $2.50, Enon, $5; Florence Avenue, $2.50; Mill Creek, $5; Mt. Zion, $2.50; Oxford, $10; Roxboro, $10; Stovall, $3.

After which the report was adopted.

Treasurer F. W. Hancock offered his report which was adopted and is herein appended.

There was read and adopted the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Flat River Union Church, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1898. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. Jno. S. Hardaway. Rev. W. T. Creath, Alternate.

J. F. CURRIN,
E. H. VEASEY, } Committee.
J. W. DEAN,

The Association adjourned after prayer by John Mitchell.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

On the re-assembling of the Association at 9:30 o'clock J. W. Downey conducted devotional exercises. The minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday were read, corrected and approved.

J. E. White called attention to a recommendation of the Baptist State Convention (1896) that each Association elect a representative on the Board of Missions for the next session of the Convention. R. H. Marsh moved the election of T. H. Street as a member of the Board of Missions for this Association. P. H. Fontaine moved that his travelling expenses be paid.

W. B. Morton, J. A. Beam, B. D. Howard were elected delegates to the next Baptist State Convention.

R. H. Marsh was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. T. H. Street moved the selection of a Committee on Obituaries to consist of R. H. Marsh, J. A. Stradley, B. D. Howard.

J. S. Hardaway offered the following which after discussion by J. S. Hardaway, J. C. Caddell, T. H. Street, P. H. Fontaine was adopted:

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

From a statement published by the Board in June, 1896, and from the report of the Board to the Convention in Morganton we gather the following facts: Since its organization in 1890, the Ministers' Relief Board has aided twenty-four ministers and their families, (fifty-eight in all.) The largest aggregate amount paid to any one family in that time, has been $297.00. This family contained four persons, and has received an average of $1 25 per head a month.

The whole amount paid in during the six years to the twenty-four families on the Board has been $2,295.00, or $382.50 a year. To each family an average of $16.00 a year, or $1.30 a month.

The amount asked for, necesary to make the beneficiaries of the Board comfortable has been $1,886.00 a year, or about $79,00 a family; in response we have given an average of $16.00 a year.

Still the little the Board has been able to furnish has been of great service to the beneficiaries; and has been most gratefully received.

We are glad to note the increasing contributions to this cause; and its growth in the favor of the churches. We earnestly commend it to the liberality and prayers of God's people.

Respectfully submitted, JNO. S. HARDAWAY, J. M. PHIPPS, } Com.

J. A. Beam read the following report, which after discussion by J. A. Beam and J. E. White was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold the fields that they are already white for harvest. He that reaps receives wages and gathers fruit of life eternal; that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together."

Our Lord seems to have manifested more anxiety to his disciples concerning those in Palestine that at any time previous to this in his ministry.

The Home Board includes five distinct departments:

First. The work among the negroes under the co-operation of State Conventions, both white and colored, is a source of great encouragement and inspiration to our people. In the territory of this Board there are fourteen missionaries who are doing active work for the spirtual uplifting of this race.

Second. The Indians living in the borders of the Home Board. In the last half century there has been a wonderful improvement civilly, socially, intellectually, morally, and religiously among these people. Their improvement has been largely through the influence and power of the gospel. Several protestant denominations have missionaries preaching the gospel to the Indians, and surely we who claim to be the soundest in the faith will not be least in giving tothis race the pure unvranished gospel of Jesus Christ.

Third. Foreign population. These are strangers within our gates, with gloomy, misty heterodox conceptions of Christianity. We must civilize and Christianize them or their influence and power will be deleterious to our civilization and contaminating to our Christianity. There is no other means that can make good citizens, except the gospel, and this is not the primary object for which we should give them the truth. Christ died for the sin of the world and these people should be saved because their souls are immortal. There are tens of thousands of these people in Baltimore, Louisville and other Southern cities. Shall we give them the gospel?

Fourth. Our Native White Population. The frightful destitution of this class exists largely in Maryland, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri. There is a vast amount of destitution in our cities and mountain country; Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, and St. Louis are the largest in the bounds of the Southern Convention. There is no field more important than the mountain regions. The wealth that will grow out of the undeveloped resources of the mountains makes it important for the good of the country and the glory of God that the Baptist get a strong hold upon these people. Shall we occupy the mountains for the betterment of humanity and God's glory?

Fifth. Our Cuban Mission. The work there has been very much interrupted on account of the war between Spain and Cuba. It is

wonderful to see with what earnestness the work has been prosecuted by the native Christians since the missionaries left the Island. Encouraging reports are coming continually of work, and the preservation of Baptist property. It is thought that in the near future our missionaries will be able to take up the work which was so gloriously begun. We feel sure that the Lord, through oppression, has prepared these people for a more eager receptivity of the truth.

The work that has been done by the Home Board is inestimable and yet it is only well begun. The fields are ineresaing each year, and the hope of the future lies in the gospel. No other power can bring the reformation we need. Will we obey the command of Jesus in carrying the gospel in all Judea and Samaria, which means Home Missions? Oh, that our people may be inspired to greater endeavor and more liberality.

E. Y. POOL, }
J. Z. ALLEN, } Com.

B. D. Howard offered the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If our churches would come up to the full measurement of their duty in regard to temperance intemperance might be stayed. Let our churches cease to tolerate intemperance in their communion and let them as speedily as possible purge themselves of all members who drink intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and let it be seen that it is almost as impossible for a dram drinker to enter into Christ's visible kingdom here on earth (our churches) as it will be for him to enter into eternal life hereafter, and let our ministers and laymen do their duty against this wide spread sin of intemperance and a great deal will be done to bring about a sound and hearty public sentiment against this ruinous evil.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. D. HOWARD, }
J. A. STRADLEY, } Com.

This report was discussed by J. A. Stradley, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Beam and adopted.

The report on Family Prayers was discussed by J. A. Beam and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

We blush to state that many are the homes in the bounds of the Flat River Association in which no family worship is held. The days, full of the cares and anxieties of life, come and go without carrying a single prayer from these homes to a throne of grace. Children never heard their father pray; they do not know how to act when the pastor comes to hold services with the family; they are not acquainted with prayer; the father and mother are cold and indifferent Christians.

As your committee we most earnestly urge that the pastors and delegates of this Association put forth every effort possible to erect a family altar in every home in the bounds of our Assocation.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. BEAM, }
W. A. WOODY, } Com.

The Moderator announced the Committees for next year as given on page 1.

R. H. Marsh of Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the last year some of our very best and most faithful brethren have fallen on the field of battle. Time and space allow us to record on our Minutes only the names of those who live and are honored most highly and fondly in our memories. For a quarter of a century we have had no better or more consecrated men among us than John J. Meadows, Pinckney Meadows, Richard Peed, John G. Morgan, and W. S. Gordon. They were always ready, earnest and self-sacrificing in every good word and work. We remember each and all of them in the greatest affection and admiration, and commend their labors and example as well worthy of the highest appropriation. While they were with us we loved and honored them, and now they are gone their precious memories shall ever be unto us for a great blessing and perpetual incentive to duty and devotion. "They rest from their labor, and their works do follow them"

R. H. MARSH,
J. A. STRADLEY,
B. D. HOWARD,
} Com.

J. S. Royster offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to Bethel church, and the people of Bethel Hill and community for the cordial hospitality during its present session.

P. H. Fontaine moved that the Clerk be paid $15.00 for his services.

The churches not having sent up enough for printing the minutes a collection was taken in the Association, as follows: Mt. Zion, Oxford, and Roxboro churches, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Stradley each $1, M't'n Creek, 25 cents; general collecction 46 cts.

On motion of J. A. Stradley it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Bro. J. A. Beam for the use of this beautiful and convenient hall and grounds in which we have held this session.

On motion of J. S. Hardaway and after discussion by J. S. Hardaway, J. E. White, W. B. Morton, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It will greatly benefit the churches of this Association and develop benevolence of our people, and greatly assist our State and General Boards to meet their obligations to missionaries on the field and avoid debts, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the churches of the Flat River Association are requested to adopt the following schedule for taking their collections for the different objects and the Pastors are urged to secure

the hearty co-operation of each individual member in this effort to systematize our work and develop the churches in the grace of giving:

August,.....Baptist Orphanage.
October,.....State Missions.
December,.....Foreign Missions.
February,.....Home Missions.
April,.....Ministers' Relief.
June.....Ministerial Education.

There being no further business, prayer was offered by John Mitchell, and the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1898, with Flat River Union church, Granville county, N. C.

B. S. ROYSTER, Moderator.

W. L. FOUSHEE, Clerk.

Member of Board of Missions, T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, W. B. Morton, J. A. Beam and B. D. Howard.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis' Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C.	J. S. Chandler	Push Va.	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Antioch	W. B. Morton	Roxboro "	G. W. Denny	Roxboro N. C.	1st " " " "
Bethany	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	R. L. Tilley	Hampton "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill "	3rd " " " "
Concord	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	J. D. Clark	Creedmoor "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	C. R. Gordon	Clay "	" " " " "
Creedmoor	J. L. Martin	Roger's Store "	J. F. Sandeford	Creedmoor "	" " " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	D. H Currin	Oxford "	4th " " " "
Fellowship	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse "	M. F. Adcock	Beck "	" " " " "
Flat River Union	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds "	" " " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath	Elmo Va.	Rufus Amis	Virgilina Va.	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill N. C.	H. W. Davis	Bullock N. C.	4th " " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek	J. A Stradley	" "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro "	
Mary's Chapel	W. A. Barrett	Kittrell "	J. Z. Allen	Grissom "	
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Clarksville Va	J. L. Gentry	Allensville "	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Mountain Creek	E. Y. Pool	Wake Forest N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Elen	East Durham "	T. K. Jones	Surl "	4th " " " "
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	J. F Meadows	Culbreth "	1st " " " "
New Light	No Letter	"			
Olive Branch	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill "	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock "	2nd " " " "
Olive Grove	No Letter				
Oxford	J. S Hardaway	Oxford "			
Peace Chapel			L. H. Long	Oxford "	Every Sunday morning & night
Pleasant Grove	H. H. Mashburn	Wake Forest "	W. A. Parham		4th Sunday and Sat. before
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom	" " "	W. A. Hester	Hester "	1st " " " "
Providence	R. H. Jones	Bethel Hill "	H. M. Wright	Carlton "	1st " " " "
Rock Springs	J. A. Stradley	Oxford "	G. M. Buchanan	Roxboro "	3rd " " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton	Roxboro "	J. R. Turner	Woburn "	4th " " " "
Sharon	J. A. Beam	Bethel Hill "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro "	2nd & 4th Sunday morn. & eve
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville "	W. A. McFarland	Berea "	4th Sunday and Sat. before
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford "	S L. Slaughter	Roxboro "	Every Sunday.
Stovall	J. A. Stradley	" "	J. S. Royster	Bullock "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Roger's Store "	E. M. Hart	Dexter "	1st " " " "
			J. E. Duncan	Stem "	3rd " " " "

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Super'tendants.	POST OFFICE	Officers & teach.	Scholars.	Volumes in lib.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Collections.
Amis' Chapel	R. I. Mulchi	Nelson ..... Va.	6	70		70	18 48
Antioch	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro ..... N. C.	10	40		60	4 30
Bethany	G. J. Sweaney	Moriah ..... "	5	...		35	
Bethel	E. D. Jones	Bethel Hill .. "	11	120	50	70	50 08
Concord	L. A. Lyon	Lyons ..... "	5	30	..	45	5 20
Corinth	S. H. Usry	Clay ..... "	4	98	35	3	1 73
Creedmoor	R. H. Rogers	Creedmoor .. "	7	52		46	4 00
Enon	E. A. Howard	Oxford ..... "	10	60		63	42 03
Fellowship	J. D. Cannady	Creedmoor .. "	6	30		50	
Flat River Union	Pervis Tilley	Knapp of Reeds "	12	89	47		26 50
Florence Avenue	J. S. Pool	Virgilina .... Va.	7	30		30	8 00
Grassy Creek	C. B. Wilkinson	Averett ..... "	4	32		55	9 72
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Sunset ..... N. C.	8	45		65	19 50
Island Creek	William Dunn J. A. T. Shotwell		8	150			
Mary's Chapel			..	...			
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek ... "	9	111	9	98	6 20
Mountain Creek	J. T. Hart	Oak Hill ..... "	6	48		31	2 80
Mount Harmony			..	...			
Mount Zion	B. D. Howard	Culbreth .... "	8	75		70	23 30
New Light			..	...			
Olive Branch	Fielding Harris	Holloways ... "	6	35			9 91
Olive Grove			..	...			
Oxford	F. W. Hancock	Oxford ..... "	12	145		236	43 51
Peace Chapel			..	...			
Pleasant Grove	W. J. Rogers	Mt. Energy .. "	7	63			5 00
Poplar Creek	J. L. Capps	Carlton ..... "	7	31	100	62	14 52
Providence			..	...			
Rock Spring	Chalmers Gordon	Woodworth . "	8	76		62	4 14
Roxboro	J. W. Noell	Roxboro ..... "	11	94			54 13
Sharon	J. C. Currin	Berea ..... "	7	45		42	
Snow Hill	E. J. Montague	Allensville ... "	1	60			
State Line	J. S. Royster	Bullock ..... "	10	50		65	9 50
Stovall	J. W. Knott	Stovall ..... "	9	47		50	5 19
Tally Ho	W. F. Washington	Stem ..... "	5	27		40	6 29

CONTRIBUTED BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis Chapel—Expenses, $6 00; Orphanage, $12 48; Total, $18 48.
Bethel—Home Missions, $1 13; Foreign Missions, $15 31; Orphanage, $20 31; Other Objects, $6 83; Total, $44 58.
Enon—Expenses, $8 30; Foreign Missions, $12 45; Orphanage, $20 30; Other Objects, $1 00; Total, $42 05.
Flat River Union—Expenses, $22 00; Orphanage, $4 50; Total, $26 50
Florence Avenue—Expenses, $8 00; Total, $8 00.
Grassy Creek—Expenses, $2 50; Foreign Missions, $12 32; Total, $14 82.
Hesters—Expenses, $10 00; Foreign Missions, $5 00; Orphanage, $2 50; Ministers Relief $2 00; Total, $19 50.
Mt. Zion—State Missions, $2 38; Foreign Missions, $2 38; Education, $2 37; Orphanage, $6 94. Total, $14 07
Oxford—Expenses, $35 68; Orphanage, $7 93; Total, $43 61.
Poplar Creek—Expenses $6 26; State Missions, $2 76; Foreign Missions, $2 75; Orphanage, $2 75; Total, $14 52.
Roxboro—Expenses, $16 53; Orphanage, $35 10; Other Objects, $2 50, Total, $54 13.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fd.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Education.	Orphanage.	Min Relief.
Amis Chapel				7 00		8 48	
Antioch	1 40						1 75
Bethel Hill	1 50		5 00				
Bethany	1 00	2 00					55
Concord	75						
Corinth							
Enon	88	6 75	8 95	10 29			
Enon S. S.				13 28		50	
Flat River Union	1 00					25	
Fellowship	1 00						
Florence Avenue	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 50	1 00		2 33
Grassy Creek	1 00	4 21	2 55	3 75	61	7 32	1 10
Hester's	1 22	2 65			2 22	4 55	
Hester's S. S.				5 00		2 50	2 00
Island Creek	1 00						
Mt. Harmony	40					80	85
Mill Creek	2 00	1 20	1 20		1 70		
Mount Zion	1 00			50	2 50		
Mount Zion S. S		2 38	2 38		2 37	6 94	
Mountain Creek	1 25						
Mary's Chapel	50						
Olive Branch	1 25						
Oxford	2 00						
Peace Chapel	1 00	2 00		3 00			
Pleasant Grove	1 00	3 23					
Poplar Creek	1 50	2 76		2 75		2 75	
Rock Spring	1 00						
Roxboro							
State Line	1 10					1 25	
Stovall	1 00						
Snow Hill	25						
Sharon	70	2 00	2 20	3 70	1 35	1 35	
Tally Ho	75		90		65		
Collection at Asso		11 94					
Total	28 45	43 62	25 18	51 77	12 40	36 69	8 68

To total amount received	$206 79	
By amount paid J. Boushall, Treas.,		$132 97
" " " Ivey Allen, Treas.,		36 69
" " " Rev. W. C. Tyree, Chairman		8 68
" " " W. L. Foushee, Clerk,		28 45
	$206 79	206 79

Respectfully Submitted,
F. W. HANCOCK, Treas.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain.	Loss.
Amis' Chapel	...	1	1	8	1	1	160	..	8
Antioch	8	....	..	...	3	1	90	4	....
Bethany	...	1	..	....	2	..	56	..	1
Bethel	10	7	..	1	2	..	166	14	....
Concord	...	1	1	4	..	..	121	..	2
Corinth	6	2	..	5	3	4	154	..	4
Creedmoor	4	....	..	....	..	..	11	4	....
Enon	13	7	1	14	1	1	169	5	....
Fellowship	15	1	1	...	7	2	110	8	....
Flat River Union	14	2	3	1	4	3	151	11	....
Florence Avenue	...	2	..	1	3	..	60	..	2
Grassy Creek	...	4	..	6	4	..	202	..	6
Hester's	8	8	2	14	4	3	168	..	3
Island Creek	1	4	1	7	2	2	227	..	5
Mary's Chapel	2	1	..	....	..	..	44	3	....
Mill Creek	...	8	..	10	1	2	192	..	5
Mountain Creek	11	3	1	38	3	1	239	..	13
Mount Harmony	4	1	..	2	2	1	55	..	....
Mount Zion	2	9	1	10	5	3	190	..	6
New Light	...	....	..	....	..	..	66	..	....
Olive Branch	...	2	..	3	1	2	120	..	4
Olive Grove	...	....	..	....	..	..	65	..	....
Oxford	12	16	..	21	..	3	242	4	....
Peace Chapel	...	3	..	....	..	..	77	3	...
Pleasant Grove	1	....	..	6	4	..	88	..	9
Poplar Creek	...	6	1	5	1	3	139	..	2
Providence	...	...	..	....	..	..	70	..	....
Rock Spring	3	4	..	...	2	2	86	3	....
Roxboro	1	4	..	19	1	1	86	..	16
Sharon	...	....	..	1	..	..	26	..	1
Snow Hill	...	6	1	4	..	..	29	..	3
State Line	18	1	1	3	3	3	117	11	....
Stovall	...	2	..	2	3	1	143	..	4
Tally Ho	11	2	3	5	2	..	184	9	....
Total	144	108	18	190	64	39	4123	79	94

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary	Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Ministers Relief	Other Objects	Total
Amis' Chapel	$ 150 00	$12 00	.....	$ 1 50	$ 6 63	4 50	$ 7 00	.....	$	$ 4 00	$ 2 32	$ 187 95
Antioch	125 00	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	1 69	2 75	7 00	1 75	a 4 30	143 89
Bethany	125 00	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	1 50	6 81	.....	4 10	65	1 00	144 06
Bethel	150 00	10 00	6 50	1 50	7 00	5 00	93 49	120 00	.....	.....	.....	393 49
Concord	125 00	.....	.....	75	.....	2 85	4 15	.....	8 17	.....	a 1 73	141 90
Corinth	100 00	19 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	136 77
Creedmoor	50 00	5 18	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 08	.....	1 25	.....	b 21 05	79 54
Enon	200 00	9 50	16 57	88	5 75	8 95	13 87	5 00	.....	.....	b 2 60	264 12
Fellowship	100 00	10 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 70	.....	15 00	135 70
Flat River Union	150 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	4 15	4 45	5 35	10 30	.....	.....	175 25
Florence Avenue	100 00	40 00	.....	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 50	1 00	8 25	2 33	b 60 00	219 58
Grassy Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 00	7 31	2 55	8 75	61	5 00	1 10	.....	176 34
Hester's	200 00	12 00	10 90	1 22	5 25	2 65	11 22	4 02	4 55	.....	.....	251 81
Island Creek	150 00	.....	5 50	1 00	4 23	2 50	11 81	5 00	12 00	8 56	.....	200 60
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mill Creek	200 00	12 00	.....	2 00	3 71	3 71	13 44	2 50	.....	.....	a b 7 30	244 66
Mountain Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 25	8 43	8 00	20 50	.....	5 00	.....	a 2 80	196 48
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	85	.....	2 05
Mt. Zion	200 00	21 25	10 55	1 00	11 50	9 05	36 75	25 00	1 00	.....	.....	393 60
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	151 75	.....	151 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 50
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	3 50	1 25	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 91	.....	a 1 00	88 16
Oxford	900 00	63 61	7 70	2 00	12 71	18 95	59 85	7 85	44 65	4 50	1200 00	2 321 82
Peace Chapel	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 00
Pleasant Grove	100 00	7 35	.....	1 00	6 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	119 85
Poplar Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	16 90	.....	5 26	.....	30 42	204 08
Providence	35 00	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00
Rock Springs	110 00	10 50	14 00	1 00	6 27	2 50	13 11	3 00	3 00	3 00	9 49	174 87
Roxboro	450 00	64 33	.....	2 00	35 00	20 00	50 00	10 00	38 11	5 00	2 30	676 94
Sharon	.....	.....	.....	70	2 00	2 20	3 70	1 35	1 35	.....	.....	11 30
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	5 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 80
State Line	115 00	13 00	.....	1 10	5 60	1 00	7 81	1 50	1 25	.....	9 50	139 16
Stovall	125 00	12 10	.....	1 00	4 00	3 35	10 72	3 13	5 14	.....	a 6 19	170 53
Tally Ho	130 00	.....	2 95	75	90	2 10	4 31	80	2 90	65	a 6 29	151 65
	$4670 00	322 57	83 17	$32 95	294 04	108 51	534 45	203 86	183 39	32 39	1393 29	7877 95

a. Sunday School Expenses. b. Repairs.

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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Flat River

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

FLAT RIVER UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,

Granville County, N. C.,

July 12th, 13th and 14th, 1898.

MODERATOR—B. S. ROYSTER.....Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—J. C. HOWARD.....Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER—F. W. HANCOCK.....Oxford, N. C.

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Ministers and Their Post Offices.

Rev. M. A. Adams, ... Raleigh, N. C.
" J. W. Atkinson, ... Neuse, "
" J. A. Beam, ... Bethel Hill, "
" W. Y. Chappel, ... Flint, "
" W. R. Cullom, ... Wake Forest, "
" W. T. Creath, ... Elmo, Va.
" R. I. Devin, ... Oxford, N. C.
" J. W. Downey, ... Beth Hill, "
" M. H. Ellen, ... Durham, "
" P. H. Fontaine, ... Bethel Hill, "
" W. F. Fry, ... Wake Forest, "
" J. H. Gordon, ... Averett, Va.
" G. W. Green, ... Oxford, N. C.
" J. S. Hardaway, ... Oxford, "
" J. H. Hutchinson, ... Six Forks, "
" T. J. Horner ..... Henderson, "
" J. J. Lansdell, ... Roxboro, "
" D. F. Lawrence, ...
" R. H. Marsh, D. D ..... Oxford, N. C.
" J. L. Martin, ... Creedmoor, "
" E. J. Montague, ... Allensville, "
" W. B. Morton, ... Roxboro, "
" J. C. Owen, ... Wake Forest, "
" E. Y. Pool, ... Wake Forest, "
" J. R. Pace, ... Oxford, "
" J. A Stradley, ... Oxford, "
" C. R Taylor, ... Wake Forest, "
" G. T. Watkins, ... Clarksville, Va.

Licentiates.

Jas. K Humphries, ... Bethel Hill, N. C.
J D. Bowen ..... Bethell Hill, "

Standing Committees For Next Association:

Foreign Missions, ... M. A. Adams.
State Missions, ... W. R. Cullom.
Home Missions, ... C. R. Hairfield.
Education, ... A. C. Parham.
Sunday Schools, ... T. H. Street.
Orphanage, ... J. S. Hardaway.
Periodicals, ... J. A. Beam.
Temperance, ... B. D. Howard.
Ministerial Relief, ... J. A. Stradley.
Family Prayers, ... E. H Veazey.
Fifth Sunday Meeting, ... R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley.

Constitution of the Flat River Association.

ARTICLE 1 The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of the benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceeding, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order.

ART 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

By-Laws.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3 The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4 No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5 Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6 No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

Minutes.

KNAP OF REEDS, N. C., July 12th, 1898.

The Flat River Baptist Association met to-day in its one hundred and fifth annual session with Flat River Union Baptist Church, Granville county, N. C

The introductory sermon was delivered by J. S. Hardaway, Oxford, N. C. Subject, "Church Discipline."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with B. S. Royster, Moderator of previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. White, Raleigh, N. C.

J. C. Howard and C. R Hairfield acted as Reading Clerks The roll of churches called, their letters read and delegates enrolled viz:

Amis Chapel—J. W. Downey, J. W. Chandler, A. H. Gordon.

Antioch—R H. Jones, W. A. Barton, Jr., J. W. Denny.

Bethany—W. E. Boswell, L. D. Veazey, A. R. Cash.

Bethel—A. J. Crutchfield, W. P. Howard, M S. Jones

Concord—W. H. Waller, J. L. Lyon, S. N. Goss.

Corinth—C. R. Gordon, Chas. Daniel, C. F. Currin.

Enon—E A. Howard, C. M. Knott, H. Hester.

Fellowship—W. S. Beck, E T. Cottrell, M. F. Adcock.

Flat River Union—W. E. Veazey, C. Tilley, T. S. Waller.

Florence Avenue—J S. Pool, R. T. Amis, R. E Amis.

Grassy Creek—L. Carrington, N. A. Norwood, C. B. Wilkinson.

Hester—B. F. Dean, R. D. Brooks, B. F. Currin.

Island Creek - P. B. Sneed, J. T. Shotwell, H. T. Shanks.

Mill Creek—T. H. Street, J. W. Clayton, Yadoc Slaughter.

Mountain Creek—W. S. Daniel, W. D. Watkins, Z Z. Eakes.

Mt. Harmony—Ollie Eakes, Cornelius Clayton.

Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Sol O'Briant, S. H. Jones.

New Light—C. C. Keith, Clinton Davis, J. R. Wheeler

Olive Branch—E. Y. Pool, R. C. Jones, C A. Stovall.

Olive Grove—M Y. Chappell, Bryant Keith, T. A. Sherron.

Oxford—A. C. Parham, B. S. Royster, F. W. Hancock.

Peace Chapel—Allen Latta, N. B. Dickerson.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, W. J. Rogers.

Poplar Creek—W. N. Critcher, P. C. Parham, C. P. Wright

Providence—A. C. Long, B. L. Gravitt, W. J. White.

Rock Spring—C. Gordon, J. W. Harris, J. M. Hobgood, Jr.

Sharon—J. C. Currin, D. W. Knott, W. A. McFarland.

Snow Hill—N. B. Slaughter, S. R. Parham, Chas Long.

State Line—J. S. Royster, T. A. Royster, W. D. Yancey.

Stovall—W. H. Cutts, G. G. Tillotson, C. H. Coley.

Tally Ho—G. W. Duncan, G. J. Day, C. H. Piper.

B. S. Royster, Oxford, N. C., having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, on motion of J. A. Stradley the clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for him. On motion J. C. Howard, Oxford, N. C., was elected clerk; and F. W. Hancock, Oxford, N. C., was elected Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and given a hearty welcome: J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder; John Mitchell, D. D , Secretary of Board of Education; L. R. Mills, Professor of Mathematics in Wake Forest College; J. B. Boone, Manager of Thomasville Orphange; J. E. White, Secretary of State Convention; J. W. Bailey, Editor of Recorder.

The Moderator announced the committees as follows:

Foreign Missions—J. A. Stradley, P. C. Parham, R. D. Brooks.

State Missions—W. T. Creath, T. H. Street, W. S. Daniel.

Home Missions—P. H. Fontaine, Sol O'Briant, Ollie Eakes.

Education—C. R. Hairfield, R. C. Jones, W. A. Hester.

Sunday School—B. D Howard, W. N. Critcher, B. F. Currin.

Orphanage—F. P. Hobgood, W. A. McFarland, N. B. Slaughter.

Periodicals—M A. Adams, N. B Dickerson, A C Long

Temperance—J. S. Royster, J. R. Wheeler, W D Yancey.

Ministerial Relief—R H Marsh, W. H Cutts, M. Y. Chappel.

Family Prayers—P. B. Sneed, M. F. Adcock, C. M. Knott.

Time, Place and Preacher—B. F. Dean, Hamilton Hester, H T. Shanks.

Order of Business—M. A. Adams, A. C. Parham, T. H. Street.

The committee on Order of Business offered their report as follows, which was adopted:

Tuesday—3 to 4 o'clock p. m., Orphanage.

Wednesday—a. m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Sunday Schools.

From 11 to 11:30 o'clock, Periodicals.

From 11:30 to 1230 o'clock, State Missions.

Adjournment till 2 p. m.

From 2 to 3 p. m., Foreign Missions

From 3 to 4 o'clock, Education.

Thursday—a m., 9:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, Ministerial Relief.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Home Missions.

From 12 to 12:30 o'clock, Temperance.

F. P. Hobgood, of Committee, offered the following

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE:

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of officers and children. Though an epidemic of measles has prevailed, only one child died. One has died from heart disease and one from dropsy

Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The Central or School Building has been completed, at a cost of more than $5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purposes for which it was erected. By means of this building the Superintendent has been enabled to grade the

school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And too the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms, the rooms heretofore used for school rooms. The Trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the original plan of building perm tted.

A home for the General Manager—certainly an urgent need - is in process of erection He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the Infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic diseases raging. The Treasurer's report shows that the sum of $586.42 has been contributed for this building, though twelve hundred dollars were subscribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention.

A new printing press and general outfit for Charity and Children, has been secured at a cost of several hundred dollars. A marked improvement in the general make up - the mechanical part- of the paper has been observed by all It is carefully and ably edited, and is in all respects admirably filling its sphere. The Treasurer's report shows that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by $319 58.

The Orphanage owns a farm of several hundred acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year, we estimated to be worth $1,282 00 The total expenses of making the the crop were $649 45, leaving a net profit of $632 55.

The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of $13,871.05 the largest of any year in the history of the Orphanage A part of this was used to pay off the debt on Central Building a part $1,000 was legacy from Dr R. D. Fleming's estate - and nine thousand and sixteen dollars were used to clothe, feed and teach 160 children—making the average cost per head $56 00 And your committee begs to assure this body that this sum wisely used, is sufficient to maintain in a very comfortable style the orphan children under the care of this institution

The expenses of conducting the Orphanage are small, because the salaries of the officers are small. Our efficient Superintendent receives $900.00 a year, and a house and fuel, but not board His very efficient wife as General Lady Manager receives only $200.00 a year—the teachers receive $20.00 a month and board.

It is painful to close this report by recording the death of two of the Trustees during the past year—Brother John Marcom, of Durham, N. C., and Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton, N. C, both devoted friends of the Institution, giving their

time and means freely for its advancement. Dr. Fleming was one of the largest contributors in the State. They both will be greatly missed,

Twenty five churches of this body contributed during the last year $235.00, —Five churches make no mention of contribution to this object.

F. P. HOBGOOD, CHAIRMAN.

Which was spoken to by J. B. Boone, Manager, and F. P Hobgood, Trustee, of the Thomasville Orphanage.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $6.38, which was handed to F. W. Hancock, Treasurer.

The report was then adopted,

The Association adjourned after prayer by John Mitchell, D. D.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 10 o'clock. Devotional Exercises conducted by J. S Hardaway, Oxford, N. C.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed C. E. Taylor, D. D., President of Wake Forest College.

B. D. Howard of Committee read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School, we believe, is one of the great helps in building up the cause of religion in our churches, in preparing the soil for the reception of the Gospel seed. The Sunday School of to-day ought to be the church at work. It is the church work, but sad to say only a part of the church engage in this branch of christian work. It is a lamentable fact, that in this Association, there are 4,123 church members, of this nnmber, less than one-fourth attending Sunday School.

Taking the report of the minutes of last year, and counting non-professors of two churches that attended Sunday School, and making these two a basis for our calculation. In view of these facts, we feel sad on account of the indifference manifested on the part of our church members—not doing more along the branch of religious work for the cause of Christ and the conversion of souls.

Brethren let us arouse ourselves the coming year and try to get the church members to take more interest in this Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HOWARD,
B. F. CURRIN,
W. N. CRITCHER,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by C. E. Taylor, D. D., B. D.

Howard, F. W. Hancock, A. C. Parham, J. E. White, J. P. Cannady, D. F. Lawrence, J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, T. H. Street, R. H. Marsh, E. A. Howard, J. F. Sanderford.

The report was then adopted.

M. A. Adams read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

Good literature is a necessity in every house; for the father who ought to keep well informed, for the mother who ought to have good reading in her hours of rest, for the children who must be cultivated and trained. Bad literature is an evil any where, most of all in the hands of a boy or a girl. It is certain they will read bad literature if their desire for reading is not satisfied with good literature.

Literature is essential to the best work of a religious denomination. An organ is needed to unite the people and the churches, to voice their sentiments, to advocate their doctrines, to defend their faith, to guard their interests.

The Biblical Recorder has performed the offices of organ of the Baptists of North Carolina sixty-three years. To its faithfulness much of the success of our work is due. It has always been loyal to the Baptists in everything. We commend it to our people as the organ of their work, as a clean newspaper, and as a fit periodical for their home. Since the price has been reduced to $1.50 per year, it is in the reach of the most of our people.

Charity and Children represents the work of our Orphanage. It is an excellent little paper and full worthy of our patronage. We commend it especially to every one of our Sunday Schools.

Let our Baptist people subscribe for Baptist papers, which are published for them and by them, and which are true to them.

We also commend the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., and the Home Field, published by Home Mission, Atlanta, Ga., as good sources of information.

Submitted,

M. A. ADAMS.

This subject was discussed by J. W. Bailey, Editor of the Biblical Recorder; J. C. Caddell, of the Recorder, and A. C. Parham On motion, time was extended fifteen minutes to discuss Periodicals. The discussion was continued by J. P. Cannady, F. W. Hancock, and B. D Howard. J. B. Boone spoke a few words about Charity and Children, explaining club rates, etc

The report was then adopted.

T. H. Street offered the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS:

State Missions is God's extensive plan for saving North Carolina, and His intensive plan for saving the world.

The "beginning at Jerusalem" was in New Testament days, but the beginning with the "uttermost part of the Earth." Our Missionaries who preach in the destitute sections of North Carolina are preaching the Gospel at the same time to China and the Foreign lands.

The churches of the Flat River Association should be able to testify to the Truth that State Missions foster the spirit of world wide Missions, as some of the churches in this Association which now are most liberal in contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, were aided in their early struggles by the State Mission Board.

Your Committeee in reporting upon this work, calls special attention to the splendid results achieved last year in State Missions, as shown in the report of the Board to the Convention at Oxford, N. C. Over one hundred missionaries baptized on Mission fields 1,334 believers; held 220 protracted meetings in which there were nearly 1,800 conversions; organized 17 new churches; built 18 new houses of worship and organized 69 New Sunday Schools. The work this year promises even larger results.

We have 103 regular Missionaries at work, to whose support $15,000 has been appropriated. In addition to these, we have a Volunteer Mission Corps—consisting of 90 of our best and ablest pastors—who have promised ten days each year for four years, to go anywhere the Board may select without money and without price. Such a force of workers should inspire enthusiasm in the churches allover our State.

The call has already been made for special prayer to God for His blessings upon their labors.

We earnestly recommend that our churches fail not to give this Volunteer movement sympathy and prayer.

We learn that the Board is distressed for the lack of money with which to meet our obligations to the Missionaries. Let the churches of this Association see to it that collections are made and sent up as soon as possible.

W. T. CREATH,
T. H. STREET,
W. S. DANIEL,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by J. E. White and F. P. Hobgood.

A collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to $6.17, and handed the Treasurer

The roll of churches was called and the following promised to TRY to raise the named amounts:

Antioch, $3,00; Bethel, $12.50; Bethany, $5.00; Concord, $10,00; Creedmoor, $2,50; Enon, $25.00; Fellowship, $5.00; Flat River Union, $12 50; Grassy Creek, $12 50; Hester's, $10 00 Island Creek, $10.00; Mill Creek, $25.00; Mountain Creek, $10 00; Mt. Zion, $15.00; Oxford, $25.00; Poplar Creek, $20.00; Rock Springs, $10 00; Sharon, $2 50; State Line, $7 50; Stovall, $5.00; Tally Ho, $5.00.

On motion the report was then adopted.

The Association was dismissed for recess with prayer by J. B. Boone

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 o'clock. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C., led in prayer.

The roll of delegates from each church was called and absentees noted

J. A Stradley read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

The word Missions is derived from the Latin word "Mittere," to send. A Missionary is one sent by authority to do a given work; as one sent to carry the Gospel to the destitute.

God is the author of missions. Christ, speaking of God, says, John, 17:18, "As thou hast sent me into the world, etc" Christ was the first great Foreign Missionary Under the Old Testament dispensation, God sent religious teachers to localities and nations—but Christ was the first sent to the WHOLE WORLD. 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John, 3:16.

As God sent Christ into the world, so Christ sends his disciples into the world, 'As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I sent you into the world;" John, 17:18. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," Mark, 16:15. No one can be a genuine. loyal, obedient Christian, who does not desire to give, and labor to give the Gospel to the whole world. It is just as much our duty to give the Gospel to others, as it is to receive it ourselves.

Some people love to sing: "Fly abroad thou mighty Gospel, etc." The Gospel cannot fly. It has no wings. If it goes it must be carried. Christ has commanded his people to carry it into all the world To carry the life-giving Gospel to the perishing, is the noblest work ever committed to man Every Christian can, and ought to have a part in this blessed work.

We rejoice that the Gospel has been carried to so many of the heathen; and that thousands of them have been redeemed from sin, and have been brought to love and serve our common Saviour

The following is a statement of the Foreign Mission work, as reported by the Board, for the last Conventional year:—Missionaries 76; native assistants 117; membership 4,760; baptisms 701; schools 41; scholars 1,111; Sunday School scholars 1,624. Receipts of Foreign Mission Board $124,249 69. Contributions from native churches $6,556.76.

The noble work being done by our christian women, in their Missionary Societies, deserves honorable mention, and hearty encouragement. Last year they raised for Foreign Missions $21,633.51.

"The Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, Va., at 25 cents in clubs of ten or more, and 35 cents single subscriber is a first class periodical of its kind, and ought to be taken by every one who desires to know and do his duty towards the heathen.

We rejoice to report the Foreign Mission Board out of debt, and doing the largest, best, and most satisfactcry work in all her history. May this blessed work go on until the "kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STRADLEY, CHMN.
R. D. BROOKS,
P. C. PARHAM,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by L. R. Mills, R. H. Marsh, D. D., and C. E. Taylor, D. D, the latter giving as a typical Foreign Missionary, Matthew T. Yates.

On motion, the report was adopted.

C R Hairfield read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION:

In this age of schisms and false doctrines, the one need of our churches is an educated ministry and laity, men who know something and can expound and defend the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus

The Board of Education aided 28 last Session and have received 24 for next session. There are many other applicants who must be turned away, because the Board has not the funds to aid them. There is no object more worthy of our support, yet not more than half of our churches contribute to it. The committee would urge the pastors to present the claims of this Board to ther churches.

We, as your Committee, recommend as worthy of the support of the Association: Wake Forest College, Female University of North Carolina, Oxford Female Seminary, and Bethel Hill Institute.

C. R HAIRFIELD.
W. A. HESTER,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by C R. Hairfield and John Mitchell, D. D.

The roll of churches called and the following churches agreed to TRY to raise for Ministerial Education amounts as follows:

Antioch, $2.00; Bethel, $5.00; Concord, $2.50; Enon, $7 00; Fellowship, $5.00; Flat River Union, $5.00; Hester's, $5 00; Island Creek $3 00; Mill Creek, $5.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00; Oxford, $10.00; Sharon, $2.00; State Line, $2.00; Stovall, $2.00.

This subject was further discussed by F. P. Hobgood, Jr., T. E. Smith and C. E. Taylor, D D.

Report was adopted.

T. H. Street presented an account of $8.55 to the Association for expenses as member of the Board of Missions for the Association. On motion, a collection was taken to pay the above. $7 76 was collected.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher read the following report:

We recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with Grassy Creek church, on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1899. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev W. R. Cullom, Rev. M. A. Adams, Alternate.

B F. DEAN,
H. T. SHANKS,
HAMILTON HESTER,
Committee.

Treasurer F. W. Hancock read his report. which was adopted and is herein appended.

After prayer by C. E. Taylor, D. D., the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

On the re-assembling of the Association at 9:30 o'clock John Mitchell, D. D., conducted devotional exercises.

R. H. Marsh offered the following, which, after discussion by J. C. Caddell, M. A. Adams, J. A. Stradley and J. P. Cannady, was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF:

This work is to be distinguished from "Ministerial Education." That looks to the work of indigent young preachers; this, to the care and support o the aged and infirm ministers, who are providentially unable to support themselves, or who by death have left dependent widows and families. During the past year the Board, located at Durham, N. C., aided thirteen beneficiariesf five brethren and eight sisters The amount given in each case is determined by the necessity of the party and the funds in hand. The total amount so expended last year was about one thousand dollars The work seems to be growing in public favor, and is based on such facts as the following:

1. As a rule God seems to want and to call into the Ministry poor men—men who are dependent on the work for support.

2. The divine call and qualification is to preach the word—not accumulate property. "No man that worrieth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life"

3 The Bible compensation for preaching is a living. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," I Cor., 9:14.

Thus, by the nature of the call and the work, the minister is cut off from the opportunity of laying up for future necessity. The barrel and the cruise fail with the failure of work. And not unfrequently when death and old age come, there comes also absolute dependence and want. This is the heritage of God's church, and the duty of caring for this class of God's poor ought to be esteemed as a precious, God-given privilege.

R. H. MARSH, CHMN.
W. H. CUTTS,
M. Y. CHAPPELL,
Committee.

A resolution offered by J C. Caddell was adopted thus:

Resolved, That each church in the Flat River Association is requested to take one collection each year to aid in the support of the Minister's Relief Board.

The Moderator called the attention of the Association to a recommendation of the Baptist State Convention—(1896) that each Association elect a repsentative on the Board of Misssions for the next session of the Convention.

On motion of R. H. Marsh, B. S. Royster was elected to represent this Association, and he pay his own expenses.

On motion, R. H. Marsh was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, T H. Street, B. F. Hester and H. M. Shaw were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

M A. Adams moved that a committee of three be appointed to look after the Spiritual condition of Mary's Chapel. The Moderator appointed M. A. Adams, G. T. Watkins and Dr. J. F. Sanderford on that committee.

R. H. Marsh moved that the clerk be paid $15.co for his services, and the balance of the Minute Fund to be expended in printing the minutes.

The committee not being ready to report on Home Missions, P B. Sneed was allowed, on motion, to make the following

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYERS:

Family Prayer is certainly oneof the most important, and yet, one of the most commonly neglected of all christian duties We believe that largely over one-half of the churches of the Flat River Association have not in them a single family who keeps up Family Prayer. If home religion is defected, church religion will be the same. A neglect of home religion will exert a damaging influence on christian life, and on all christian work. God ought to be worshipped in every home In the heart and home should be the beginning and fountain of christian life and influence. God loves the home where all the family worship him daily at the family altar.

P. B. SNEED,
C. M. KNOTT,
Committee.

This snbject was discussed by P. B. Sneed, J. A. Stradley and J. P. Cannady.

Report was adopted.

J. C. Caddell read the the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSION:

This department of our Mission work is designed to furnish the Gospel to such destitute territory, in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, which cannot be provided for by the States in which this destitution exists. The territory embraced by the work of this board, embraces our native population in the Western and South Western States. The Foreign population in our midst, the Negroes, the Indians and the Island of Cuba.

A growing interest in this is attested by the Treasurer's report, as shown in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our strongest and most influential churches were established and for a time supported by this Board. We would urge our churches to inform themselves on this work and enlarge their contributions to this work.

SOL O'BRIANT,
OLLIE EAKES,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by J. C. Caddell. On motion of M A Adams, speeches were limited to five minutes for the rest of the session.

The report was adopted

J. S. Royster read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

We believe that church members who are in the habit of drinking are doing as much to hinder the cause of Christ as any other class of people, either in or out of the church, and think that our churches through the Asso-

ciation ought to speak out in no uncertain sound on the subject of Temperance

We recommend that our churches do not hold fellowship with those who are intemperate, or encourage the liquor traffic by renting their property to liquor dealers or putting their means into such business. We do sincerely hope and pray that the time may soon come when our churches will be made up of men and women who are fully aroused as to their duty in the Temperance cause.

JOE S. ROYSTER, Committee.

This subject was discussed by Joe S. Royster, D. F. Lawrence, J. A. Stradley and J. P. Cannady.

The report was adopted.

J. A. Stradley of committee offered the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

Death has done a sad work among the membership of our Association during the last Associational year. Seven excellent brethren have gone to their reward in heaven. We want to record, so that we can remember the names of R. A Gill, B. T. Winston, J. W. Currin, J. F. Currin, F. M. Meadows, R. E. Yancey, and W. H. Humphries licentiate. Five of these were Deacons. They were all good and true men. These dear brethren are in their graves, but their influence will live on. We will lovingly cherish their blessed memories.

J. A. STRADLEY,
E. A. HOWARD,
J. W. DENNEY,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the committees for next year as given on page one.

T. H. Street offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren of Flat River Union and the good people of this community for their cordial and hospitable entertainment of the Association at the present session.

R. H. MARSH,
B. S. ROYSTER,
T. H. STREET,
Committee.

On motion of R. H. Marsh the Association adjourned, with prayer by M. A. Adams, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1899, with Grassy Creek church, Granville county, N. C.

B. S. ROYSTER, MODERATOR.

J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

Member of Board of Missions, B. S. Royster.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, T. H. Street, B. F. Hester and H. M. Shaw.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis' Chapel. .	P. H. Fontaine..	Be hel Hill, . .N. C.	T. S. Chandler . .	Push,. . . . . Va.	1st Sunday and Sat before.
Antioch . .	W. B. Morton. .	Roxboro,.. "	G. W. Denny . . .	Roxboro,. . . N. C.	1st Sunday and Sat. before
Bethany.. . . .	J. A. Stradley, .	Oxford,. . . . "	R. L. Tilley . .	Hampton, . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, . . "	S. C. Humphries..	Bethel Hill,. . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before
Concord	M. A. Adams . .	Raleigh, . . "	Leo Lyon . . .	Lyon, ... "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Corinth.	J. W. Atkinson..	Neuse,.. . . . "	C. R. Godon. . . .	Clay, ... "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Creedmoor.. . .	J. L. Martin . .	Creedmoor, . . "	J. F Sanderford..	Creedmoor, . . "	3rd Sun. p. m. & 1st Sun. night.
Enon	R. H. Marsh . .	Oxford, . . "	T. J. Smith. . . .	Hargrove, . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Fellowship.. . .	M. A. Adams..	Raleigh, . . "	M. F. Adcock . . .	Beck, ... "	4th Sun. and 2nd Sun evening.
Flat River Union	M. A Adams..	Raleigh, . . "	M. B. Waller. . .	Knap of Reeds "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath. .	Elmo, . . . Va.	J. S. Winfree. . .	Virgilina,. . Va	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Grassy Creek. .	P. H. Fontaine,.	Bethel Hill, . .N. C.	H. W. Davis. . .	Bullock, . N. C.	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Hester's... . . .	R. H. Marsh . .	Oxford, . . . "	N. J. Puckett. .	Sunset,. . . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Island Creek.. .	J. A Stradley·	Oxford,. . . "	H. T. Shanks . .	Williamsboro, "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Mary's Chapel .	No Letter. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Mill Creek . .	G. T. Watkins .	Clarksville,. . Va.	J. L. Gentry. . . .	Allensville,. . N. C.	1st Sunday and Sat. before,
Mountain Creek	E. Y Pool...	Wake Forest,.N. C.	J. S. Eakes . .	Cornwall,. . . "	3rd Sunday and Sat before.
Mt. Harmony. .	M. H. Ellen. . .	East Durham,. "	T. K. Jones . . .	Surl, . . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion... . .	R. H. Marsh....	Oxford,. . . "	J. F. Meadows. . .	Culbreth,. . . "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
New Light.. . .	J. H. Hutchinson	Six Forks,... "	A. B. Lassiter . . .	New Light,. . "	2nd Sunday and Sat before.
Olive Branch.. .	P. H Fontaine	Bethel Hill, . . "	J. P. Stovall. . .	Big Rock,. . . "	2nd Sunday and Sat. before.
Olive Grove . .	M. Y. Chappell.	Flint, ... "	M. Y. Chappell. . .	North Side,. . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford,. . . . "	J H. Long.	Oxford, . . . "	Every Sunday a. m., and p. m.
Peace Chapel.. .	C. R. Taylor.. .	Wake Forest,. "	W A. Parham.. .	Watkins, . . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove.	J. C. Owen.. . .	" " . "	W. H. Hester . . .	Hester's,... "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Poplar Creek.. .	W. R. Cullom. .	" " . "	P. W. Parham . .	Oxford.. . . . "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Providence.. . .	J. H. Gordon..	Averett, . . . Va	G. W. Buchanan. .	Roxboro. . . . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Rock Springs. .	J. A. Stradley. .	Oxford,. . . . N. C.	J. R. Turner. . .	Woburn, . . . "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Roxboro . .	W. B. Morton. .	Roxboro, . . . "	J. A. Noell . . .	Roxboro,.. . . "	2nd and 4th Sun. a. m. and p. m.
Sharon	J A. Beam. . . .	Bethel Hill,. . "	W. A. McFarland .	Berea, ... "	4th Sunday and Sat. before.
Snow Hill.... .	E. J. Montague.	Allensville, . . "	. . . . .	. . . . .	4th Sunday . . . . .
State Line.... .	R. H. Marsh	Oxford,. . . . "	J. S. Royster . .	Bullock, . . . N. C.	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.
Stovall	W. F. Fry.. . .	Wake Forest,. "	E. M. Hart. . .	Dexter,. . . . "	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Tally Ho. . .	J. L. Martin.. .	Creedmoor,. . "	C. H. Piper .	Hargrove, . . "	3rd Sunday and Sat. before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers & T'ch'rs.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Collection.
Amis' Chapel. .	R. D. Mulchi. . .	Nelson . . . . Va.	6	50	50	$ 6 39
Antioch . .	C. H. Tapp . . .	Ai . . . . . N. C.	5	50	55	. . .
Bethany	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	.	. . .
Bethel	E. D. Jones	Bethel Hill, . . N. C.	11	100	117	74 98
Concord	W. H. Waller . . .	Lyon, ... "	6	30	50	. . .
Corinth.	J. I. Gordon.	Clay, ... "	3	35	. .	. . .
Creedmoor . . .	R. H. Rogers . . .	Creedmoor, . . "	6	40	53	5 66
Enon	E. A. Howard. . .	Oxford, ... "	8	135	122	52 03
Fellowship. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Flat River Union	Pervis Tilley. . . .	Knap of Reeds, N. C.	10	105	75	. .
Florence Avenue	J. S. Winfree . . .	Virgilina, . . Va.	.		. .	. . .
Grassy Creek. .	. . . . .	. . . . .	7	52	112	2 79
Hester's.	B. F. Dean. . . .	Sunset, . . . N. C.	10	119	125	19 30
Island Creek. . .	Willie Dunn . . J. A. T. Shotwell	Williamsboro, "	7	150	150	. . .
Mary's Chapel .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Mill Creek . .	T. H. Street. .	Mill Creek, . N. C.	10	128	50	12 00
Mountain Creek	W. T. Eakes . . .	Sat erwhite, . "	7	37	.	4 25
Mt. Harmony. .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Mt. Zion. . . .	B. D. Howard.	Oxford, ... N. C.	7	41	65	19 88
New Light. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	. .	. . .
Olive Branch . .	J. R. Haskins . . .	Blue Wing . . N. C.	7	44	.	13 88
Olive Grove .	J. H. Keith	North Side, . . "	6	30	30	. . .
Oxford	F. W. Hancock .	Oxford, . . . "	12	160	. .	. . .
Peace Chapel. . .	J. T. Williams. . .	Fairport . . . "	3	61	25	4 00
Pleasant Grove. .	J. W. Smith . . .	Mount Energy "	6	49	. .	. . .
Poplar Creek. . .	P. C. Parham .	Oxford. . . . . "	6	60	75	13 34
Providence. . . .	B. L. Gravitt. . .	Roxboro. . . . "	.		. .	.
Rock Springs. .	C. Gordon.	Woodworth, . "	8	85	2	5 38
Roxboro . .	J. W. Noell	Roxboro, . . "	12	85	159	16 59
Sharon	J. C. Currin	Berea, ... "	6	30	30	. . .
Snow Hill. . . .	E. J. Montague . .	Allensville, . . "	1	24		11 00
State Line. . . .	J. S. Royster. . . .	Bullock, . . . "	8	40	60	2 52
Stovall . . .	T. W. Stovall . . .	Stovall . . . . "	7	56	60	62
Tally Ho. .	S P. Washington .	Stem, ... "	7	49	62	. . .

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis' Chapel, expenses, $6 00; Orphanage, $6 39; total $12 39. Bethel, expenses, $21 90; poor in Cuba, $26 50; Foreign Missions, $17 55; Education, $5 00; Orphanage, $25 93, total $96 87. Creedmoor, expenses, $6 00; Home Missions, $3 16; Orphanage, $2 50; total $11 66. Enon, expenses, $28 65; State Missions, $7 55; Home Missions, $7 58; Foreign Missions, $7 59; Orphanage, $29 28; total $80 68. Grassy Creek, expenses, $5 00; Orphanage, $2 79; total $7 79. Hesters, expenses, $11 00; Foreign Missions, $5 00; Orphanage, $10 00: total $26 00. Mountain Creek, Orphanage, $4 25. Mt. Zion, expenses, $12 81; State Missions, $5 98; Foreign Missions, $5 97; Orphanage, $7 93; total $32 69. Olive Branch, expenses, $2 68; Orphnnage, $11 20; total $13 88. Poplar Creek, expenses, $6 14; State Missions, $3 24; Home Missions, 62c; Foreign Missions, $3 24; Orphanage, $5 24; total $18 48. Rock Spring, expenses, $6 37; poor, $5 38; total $11 25. Roxboro expenses, $33 67; Orphanage, $16 59. State Line, expenses, $8 00; Orphanage, $2 52, Stovall, expenses, $8 00; Foreign Missions, 62c; total $8 62.

REPORT OF F. W. HANCOCK, TREASURER.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Orphanage.	Orphanage Building.	Ministers Relief Board.	Seminary.
Amis' Chapel	$1 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Antioch	1 51								
Bethel Hill	1 63							2 75	
Bethany	1 00				1 23				
Concord	85								
Corinth	1 00								
Creedmoor	50	50	1 00	2 00		1 00			
Enon	1 60				7 01			5 70	
Enon Sunday School		7 58	7 58	7 59		5 11			
Fellowship	1 00								
Flat River Union	1 00								
Florence Avenue	1 40	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00			1 12	5 00
Grassy Creek	1 51					2 79		3 35	
Hester	1 00	7 86	5 45		1 50	2 65			
Hester Sunday School				5 00		4 30	5 00		
Hester Ladies' Mis. Society			2 73						
Island Creek	1 50				2 35				
Mary's Chapel									
Mill Creek	1 75				3 25	5 00			
Mountain Creek	1 00								
Mt. Harmony	25	1 00		75					
Mt. Zion	1 05				3 00			3 70	
Mt. Zion Sunday School		5 98		5 97		7 93			
New Light	50	1 35							
Olive Branch	1 25							1 72	
Olive Branch Sunday School						5 83			
Olive Grove	50					50			
Oxford	2 50				9 00				
Peace's Chapel	1 10								
Pleasant Grove	1 10	3 35				2 75			
Poplar Creek	1 00								
Providence	1 00					30			
Rock Spring	1 00								
Roxboro	1 50								
Sharon	70	2 24	2 05	2 61	2 00	4 00			
Snow Hill	50					6 00			
State Line	1 00				2 73			1 05	
State Line Sunday School						5 52			
Stovall	1 00	41		3 80	1 20				
Tally Ho	1 00	2 00			1 25	4 37			
Collections		6 17				6 38			
Total	$36 70	$40 44	$20 31	$29 22	$35 52	$61 43	$ 5 00	$19 39	$ 5 00

To total amount received	$251 51	
By amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer		$149 88
" " " Ivey Allen, Treasurer		66 43
" " " J. C. Howard, Clerk		35 20
	$251 51	$251 51

Respectfully Submitted,

F. W. HANCOCK, Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain.	Loss.
Amis' Chapel		3	1	5	.	2	160	4	7
Antioch	13	2	.	4	1	1	103	15	6
Bethany	.	. .	.	4	1	.	72	.	5
Bethel	19	11	1	6	2	3	186	31	11
Concord	2	.	.	2	.	2	96	2	4
Corinth	.	1	.	16	4	1	136	1	21
Creedmoor	.	2	.	.	.	1	12	2	1
Enon	12	11	.	8	2	4	182	23	14
Fellowship	.	2	.	3	2	1	111	2	6
Flat River Union	5	3	.	2	.	2	155	8	4
Florence Avenue	3	7	1	4	1	.	67	13	5
Grassy Creek	12	6	6	11	3	4	180	24	18
Hester's	12	6	4	16	.	1	181	22	17
Island Creek	6	2	1	8	7	2	212	9	17
Mary's Chapel	no	let'r	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mill Creek	35	6	.	1	6	5	214	41	12
Mountain Creek	6	8	2	23	2	2	218	16	27
Mt. Harmony	4	.	.	.	2	2	55	4	4
Mt. Zion	9	10	3	17	.	1	202	22	18
New Light	8	5	2	1	2	.	81	15	3
Olive Branch	.	.	2	7	2	3	110	2	12
Olive Grove	2	.	.	2	.	2	50	2	4
Oxford	6	20	2	13	2	1	254	28	16
Peace Chapel	12	3	.	1	.	.	90	15	1
Pleasant Grove	.	.	2	1	4	2	82	2	7
Poplar Creek	9	4	.	9	5	2	126	13	16
Providence	.	.	.	.	6	1	23	.	7
Rock Springs	9	4	4	5	5	2	92	17	12
Roxboro	8	1	.	3	1	.	90	9	4
Sharon	11	9	.	3	.	.	45	20	3
Snow Hill	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	.	.
State Line	.	5	.	5	.	1	115	5	6
Stovall	24	8	.	12	.	1	156	32	13
Tally Ho	16	2	1	7	4	1	186	19	12

CONTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCHES TO GOSPEL MISSIONS.

Bethel, $75 00. Corinth, $7 32. Mt. Zion, $15 00. Pleasant Grove, $5 00. Mountain Creek, $10 00. Snow Hill $10 00. Slaughter Fund

CONTRIBUTED BY THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY TO MISSIONS.

Hester's, Foreign Missions, $4 60; Home Missions, $5 73. Island Creek, Foreign Missions, $10 00; Home Missions, $1 50; State Missions, $1 00. Mill Creek, Foreign Missions, $6 00. Mt. Zion, Foreign Missions, $5 75; Home Missions, $26 25, State Missions, $10 45. Oxford, Foreign Missions, $20 39.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief.	Other Objects	Total.
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$ 11 00	$	$ 1 50	$ 10 00	$ 5 26	$ 7 00	$ ...	$	$ 2 32	$ a b 9 32	$ 190 40
Antioch	130 00	5 00	.....	1 51	3 00	2 79	6 33	.....	.....	.....	a b 40 03	183 63
Bethany	.....	6 00	.....	1 00	6 00	3 70	3 65	1 23	3 50	1 50	.....	26 58
Bethel	150 00	10 00	7 50	1 63	16 00	9 13	75 00	.....	.....	2 75	a b 36 55	286 66
Concord	125 00	31 00	.....	85	2 95	5 25	12 45	.....	26 00	.....	a 6 00	203 50
Corinth	100 00	8 64	.....	1 00	.....	.....	7 32	.....	.....	.....	a b 8 81	125 86
Creedmoor	50 00	16 00	.....	50	50	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	a 6 00	71 00
Enon	.....	.....	14 18	1 60	15 75	12 30	16 40	7 01	19 65	19 25	a b 80 68	186 82
Fellowship	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 25	4 00	4 00	.....	1 10	1 00	.....	112 35
Flat River Union	150 00	19 45	.....	1 00	10 00	5 92	10 20	.....	13 00	.....	a 11 00	220 45
Florence Avenue	100 00	.....	3 37	1 40	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	1 12	a b 10 00	121 89
Grassy Creek	150 00	....	14 30	1 51	10 75	8 06	7 18	.....	5 56	3 35	a b 19 20	218 96
Hester	200 00	12 00	30 00	1 00	7 86	5 45	10 50	1 50	5 00	2 65	a b 47 24	317 14
Island Creek	150 00	5 65	5 54	1 50	8 12	8 00	17 61	2 35	2 25	2 35	a b 16 00	219 37
Mary's Chapel	No	letter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek	200 00	215 10	3 00	1 75	20 00	20 00	25 00	3 25	9 00	.....	.....	416 85
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	.....	1 00	8 00	7 04	24 26	3 45	4 25	.....	b 1 15	196 80
Mt. Harmony	.....	40 00	.....	25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	42 00
Mt. Zion	150 00	15 00	.....	1 05	7 75	13 04	28 00	3 00	5 00	3 70	a b 106 97	333 50
New Light	40 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	a 1 35	41 85
Olive Branch	75 00	6 00	3 00	1 25	5 00	4 50	3 25	.....	...	1 72	a 2 68	116 18
Olive Grove	50 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 50
Oxford	900 00	100 00	4 25	2 50	30 21	42 50	46 74	10 00	25 00	12 00	a b 2 188 23	3 361 43
Peace Chapel	75 00	20 00	.....	1 10	3 44	1 42	4 55	.....	2 55	....	b 800 00	912 06
Pleasant Grove	75 00	.....	5 55	1 70	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	2 75	.....	a b 11 75	106 70
Poplar Creek	150 00	8 00	.....	1 50	11 30	20 36	16 76	3 43	11 79	.	a b 48 70	271 84
Providence	45 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	46 30
Rock Spring	100 00	38 15	47 50	1 00	8 00	7 47	15 79	5 00	10 35	2 00	a b 29 22	264 47
Roxboro	450 00	54 74	.....	1 50	35 00	15 00	25 00	10 00	11 22	.....	b 817 50	1 419 96
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	70	2 24	2 05	2 61	2 00	4 00	.....	b 50 00	123 60
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	..	5 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	11 50
State Line	115 00	.....	.....	1 00	5 28	2 45	4 85	2 73	1 90	1 05	a 8 00	142 86
Stovall	125 00	12 65	.....	1 00	4 82	5 00	10 00	1 92	3 73	.....	a b 22 00	186 14
Tally Ho	130 00	.....	8 05	1 00	2 00	.....	....	1 25	4 37	.....	a b 33 25	179 92

a Sunday school expenses; b repairs.

Slaughter Fund

MINUTES OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Flat River Baptist Association....

HELD WITH.....

Grassy Creek Baptist Church.....

GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

July 11th, 12th and 13th, 1899.....

Moderator, J. A. STRADLEY, Oxford, N. C.
Clerk, J. C. HOWARD, Oxford, N. C.
Treasurer, F. W. HANCOCK, Oxford, N. C.

Next session meets with Roxboro Baptist Church, on Tuesday after Second Sunday in July, 1900. Introductory sermon by Rev. M. A. Adams.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On account of the sickness of the Treasurer, his report was received too late to be printed in full.

To amount received, . .	$265.17	
By amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		$182.35
" " " Ivey Allen, Treas.,		48.60
" " " J. C. Howard, Clerk,		34.00
" " " Postage,		.22
	$265.17	$265.17

Respectfully Submitted,

F. W. HANCOCK, Treas.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev. M. A. Adams,	Raleigh, N. C.
" J. W. Atkinson,	Neuse, "
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, "
" W. Y. Chappel,	Flint, "
" W. R. Cullom,	Wake Forest, "
" W. T. Creath,	Elmo, Va.
" M. H. Ellen,	Durham, N. C.
" P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill, "
" J. H. Gordon,	Averett, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
" J. H. Hutchinson,	Six Forks, "
" R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "
" J. L. Martin,	Creedmoor, "
" E. J. Montague,	Allensville, "
" W. B. Morton,	Roxboro, "
" E. Y. Pool,	Bethel Hill, "
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "
" C. R. Taylor,	Wake Forest, "
" G. T. Watkins,	Clarksville, Va.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. R. I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
" J. W. Dowrey,	Buchanan, "
" G. W. Green,	China,
" T. J. Hudson,	China,
" T. J. Horner	Henderson, N. C.
" J. K. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, "
" R. H. Jones,	Ai, "
" J. J. Lansdell,	Roxboro, "
" D. F. Lawrence,	Louisville, Ky.
" J. R. Pace,	Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Mission,	F. P. Hobgood.
Home Mission,	E. Y. Pool.
State Mission,	W. B. Morton.
Education,	J. A. Beam.
Periodicals,	P. H. Fontaine.
Sunday School	R. H. Marsh.
Ministerial Relief	J. S. Hardaway.
Family Prayer,	T. H. Street.
Temperance,	J. R. Pace.

Union Meetings. F. W. Hancock, B. F. Hester, A. C. Parham.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be:—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

——DELEGATES:——

Member of Board of Missions, F. W. Hancock.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. A. Stradley.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, W. B. Morton, P. H. Fontaine, J. S. Hardaway.

MINUTES.

JULY 11, 1899.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and sixth annual session with Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Granville county, N. C. The introductory sermon was delivered by W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C. Subject: "Paul's Visions."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. C. Howard, clerk of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. B. Morton, Roxboro, N. C. J. S. Hardaway, and Darius Eatman acted as reading clerks.

The roll of churches called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled, viz:

Amis's Chapel—M. D. Harris, James Clark, C. S. Chandler.
Antioch—R. H. Jones, R. W. Wilkerson, J. W. Denney.
Bethany—R. J. Day, J. T. Newton, J. A. Malone.
Bethel—J. A. Beam, S. C. Humphries, James Barrett.
Concord—W. H. Waller, Royner Coley, Earnest Parrott.
Corinth—J B. Elliott, D. W. Eakes, W. C. Daniel,
Creedmoor—S. H. Rogers, J. W. Chappell, J. F. Sanford.
Enon—A. F. Smith, B. F. Hester, J. M. Phipps.
Fellowship—E. F. Cottrell.
Flat River Union—Pervis Tilley, E. H. Veazy, S. W. Waller.

Florence Avenue—Rufus Amis, M. F. Willard, J. S. Winfree.
Grassy Creek—A. Wilkinson, H. M. Tally, Jas. Noblin.
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, N. J. Puckett, W. R. Bodgett.
Island Creek—B. F. Knott, P. B. Sneed, Joe Norwood.
Mary's Chapel—O. E. Wheelus, F. F. Ross.
Mill Creek—G. W. Walker, T. H. Street, Wm. Wrenn.
Mountain Creek—G. W. Watkins, M. S. Daniel, J. S. Eakes.
Mt. Harmony—T. A. Ragan, Ollie Eakes, Leonard Vaughan.
Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Sol. O'Brian, C. L. Howard.
New Light—W. L. Jackson, Thomas Norton, Bart O'Neal.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall, J. R. Haskins, W. T. Humphries.
Olive Grove—No letter.
Oxford—J. P. Hobgood, Darius Eatman, J. H. Long.
Peace Chapel—Willie Howell, Lucious Latta, P. N. Tunstall.
Poplar Creek—J. N. Flemming, G. W. Wright, C. P. Wright.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester, R. H. Rogers, J. W. Smith.
Providence—J. H. Yarborough, S. H. Gentry, G. W. Buchanan
Rock Spring—J. T. Bowling, J. M. Hobgood Jr., C. Gordon.
Roxboro—E. D. Cheek, A. R. Foushee, W. B. Morton.
Sharon—A. M. Denny, R. A. McFarland, J. P. Williams.
Snow Hill—No letter.
State Line—Joe S. Royster, Thos. Wilson, J. C. Huff.
Stovall—F. B. Hester, L. F. Perkinson, C. H. Clay.
Tally Ho—W. C. Peed, S. P. Washington, R. F. Averett.

J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C., having been nominated to be Moderator of the Association, on motion of F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Hardaway was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for him. On motion J. C. Howard, Oxford, N. C., was re elected Clerk. On motion of A. F. Smith, F. W. Hancock, Oxford, N. C., was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committee on Order of Business:—M. A. Adams, J. E. White, P. H. Fontaine.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats:—J. D. Hufham, John Mitchell, J. E. White, J. C. Caddell, O. L. Stringfield, J. H. Smith, B. W. Spillman, J. W. Harrell and S. T. Haley.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We believe the Sunday School next to the most potent factor in evangelizing the world. Also one of the greatest aids to successful preaching and pastoral work, therefore no pastor or layman, not in full co operation or sympathy with the work can ever hope to measure up to full rate of Christian duty. The work in reach of our towns is very much neglected. Many bright boys and girls in two and one half miles of most of towns never attended a Sunday School. Such being the case, we kindly call the attention of town pastors and laymen to the destitution. A large majority of our country members are not interested in their Sunday schools, which, we believe a great hindrance to Christian growth. Every church should pay all expenses of the school, and regular Sunday collections ought to be be given to Missions. Submitted, T. H. STREET.

The above Report was discussed by the following brethren, T. H. Street, B. W. Spillman, J. E. White, J. H. Smith, J. D. Hufham and P. H. Fontaine.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on order of business made the following report, for Wednesday.

Devotional exercises 9:30 a. m.; Periodicals 10 a. m.; State Missions 10:45 a. m.; Orphanage 11:45 a. m.; Adjourn 12:30 p. m.; Ministerial Relief 2 p. m.; Education 2:30 p. m.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—M. A. Adams, P. B. Sneed, Pervis Tilley.

State Missions—W. R. Cullom, G. W. Wright, J. H. Chandler.

Home Missions—J. T. Haley, J. S. Royster, B. F. Hester.

Education—A. C. Parham, Sol O'Brian, J. M. Phipps.

Sunday School—T. H. Street, B. D. Howard, John Denny.

Orphanage—J. S. Hardaway, P. H. Fontaine, D. Eatman.

Periodicals—J. A. Beam, J. C. Caddell, C. Gordon.

Temperance—B. D. Howard, J. P. Stovall, J. T. Newton.

Minister's Relief—J. A. Stradley, W. B. Morton, J. R. Pace.

Family Prayer—E. H. Veazy, M. B. Harris, A. H. Garner.

Fifth Sunday Meeting—R. H. Marsh, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley.

On motion the Association adjourned. Dismissed by W. B. Morton.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. H. Smith. Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We deplore the sad fact that thousands of our people are not reading people, while thousands of others read nothing but "Dime Novels," or some cheap trashy literature. This leaves only a small number who read the best and safest literature. In this day of cheap and rapid printing, we have great opportunities and temptations to content ourselves with the light and even pernicious reading matter that is presented to us from the four quarters of the earth with the great and puzzling problems in political, financial and religious world to solve, this age presents the greatest necessity for our people to be a reading people that we have ever known. How to reach this desired end is the question.

We suggest that the fathers and mothers, deacons and pastors of this Association take this matter in hand as a duty to themselves, to their children, to their church, to their country and to their God. As your Committee we recommend to you the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, also the literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., and Baptist Historical Papers.

J. A. BEAM,
J. C. CADDELL, } Com.

This report was discussed by the following brethren, J. A. Beam, J. C. Caddell, J. D. Hufham. The latter discussed the above report until time for Periodicals expired. On motion, time extended five minutes.

R. H. Marsh gave 3 "everys" as the watchword of the churches (1) Every member of every church, in the Sunday School. (2) A contribution from every member, male and female, for missions. (3) The Biblical Recorder in every family of every church.

F. P. Hobgood spoke in behalf of Charity and Children.

Brother Ivey Allen, Treasurer of the Orphanage was introduced to the Association.

Report on Periodicals adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report made to the State Convention by the Board of Missions last December, call the attention of our people to newly opened doors and increased responsibilities in State Missions.

The convention authorized an enlargement of the work to

$20,000, and we have gone forward and your committee has to report that never before in our history were we engaged in more successful and aggressive work in supplying the destitution in our State than we are doing this year. We have one hundred Missionaries in the field regularly and one hundred and twenty volunteer Missionaries who are reinforcing them at the most difficult points. They are this year preaching the Gospel to more than 400 neglected places in sixty three Counties. In the Atlantic Association we haye our largest single mission field. Ten Counties in which we have only forty-four churches and only four of these are self-supporting, the people are in a state of denominational and doctrinal ferment. There is every indication that if we press our work there we will in a few years have in this territory not less than a hundred and fifty self-sustaining churches.

In the Tar River Association in which we have worked for a long time, God is giving us great success in an abundant harvest.

In Weatern N. C. is the grandest Baptist opportunity. The disolution of the Western Convention and the Union of the Associations composing it with the State Convention was an event of supreme importance to our Baptist Zion. Unless a vigorous effort is made during the next ten years in this territory to educate and train the great undeveloped hosts of Baptists the agency of our State Mission work, we will see our day of opportunity pass from us into the hands of Presbyterians and Methodists.

This year they are spending in Mission and Educational work $75,000.00 in this territory. We must arouse ourselves; our churches must realize that this enlarged opportunity brings an increased responsibility on them to enlarge their contributions to State Missions. Between now and December 1st we have to secure $18,000 with which to meet the obligations already assumed to our missionaries Should not every church in this Association make an increase now in its pledges to State Missions? If we are true to our Master, and loyal to His cause how can we show cause for not making this increase. He has blessed us and is blessing our people every day. What is the response we make to him for the good crops in our fields? The prosperity and peace of our country in view of the doors of opportunity he has just opened for the cause he has entrusted to us?

W. R. CULLOM,
G. W. WRIGHT,
J. K. CHANDLER, } Committee.

The above report was discussed by W. R. Cullom and J. E. White. On motion time extended five minutes to take collection

for this object. Amount collected $10.94. Roll of churches called and the following promised to TRY to raise the named amounts: Amis Chapel, $10; Antioch, $5; Bethany, $5; Bethel, $15; Concord, $5; Enon, $20; Fellowship, $5; Flat River Union, $15; Florence Avenue, $5; Grassy Creek, $12.50; Island Creek, $5; Mill Creek, $20; Mountain Creek, $8; Mt. Zion, $15; Olive Branch, $5; Oxford, $60; Peace Chapel, $4; Poplar Creek, $25; Rock Spring, $8; Sharon, $2.50; State Line, $5; Stovall $5; Tally Ho, $5. On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

No work commends itself more to the churches than the care of indigent orphans. No work appeals more tenderly to the hearts of our people. No work receives a more liberal and cheerful response wherever it is presented. We rejoice to know that the Treasurer's Report of the Baptist Orphanage for the year ending June 30th shows that all the current expenses of last year have been provided for. The institution is in a prosperous condition, and is doing a great work, and is entirely free from debt. The home of the General Manager has been completed at a cost of $1423.68. The total receipts in money and in kind have amounted to $13,654.22. The Orphanage farm which brings in a considerable revenue to the institution was visited some weeks ago by a disastrous storm, and doubtless the income from this source will hardly pay expenses this year.

We call upon all our pastors to present the orphanage work to their churches; and we entreat the churches to respond liberally with their contributions.

Since last we met Mr. Mills the father of the Baptist orphanage, the friend of orphan children, has fallen asleep. We note with pleasure that a fund is being raised to place some suitable memorial of him at the orphanage. We hope that the churches of this Association will do something to perpetuate the memory of this remarkable and useful man.

We recommend that this Association raise a fund to place an oil portrait of him in the chappel of the Central building at Thomasville.

JNO. S. HARDAWAY.
P. H. FONTAIN,
DARIUS EATMAN,E
} Com.

J. S. Hardaway spoke of the Orphanage and its work, then made special mention of the portriat of Mr. Mills. R. H. Marsh made a few remarks about this portrait and began collection for

the same. On motion of F. P Hobgood the Association adjourned for dinner. The discussion of the above to be continued in the evening.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letters from Providence, Mary's Chapel and State Line were read. M. A. Adams read a letter from Mary's Chapel asking for a letter of dismission to join the Central Association. On motion the letter was granted. Brother Ivey Allen, Treasurer for the Orphanage, then discussed the report and condition of the Orphanage. P. B. Sneed spoke in behalf of the same. On motion time extended to take collection for the Orphanage; amount collected $4.98. Time for Report on Ministerial Relief, having been consumed in discussion of the Orphanage; on motion time extended for this report.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Our Ministerial Relief Board is located in Durham, N. C. It is composed of some of our best men. They do their work without pay. Their work is to aid old worn out Baptist preachers, who are left in poverty and are unable to support themselves. The widows of such indigent preachers are also helped. About fourteen of these needy ones are being aided by the Board. They are helped according to their needs, and the amount of money given to this object. The aid is given to them in the homes where they live. It is a noble work. No preacher gets rich preaching. Only a few make a comfortable living; the majority live and die poor; many of them VERY poor. These gave their lives and labors to the good of others. Now that they are old, feeble and poor, they ought to be made comfortable in the decline of life. Let every church help in this good work.

J. A. STRADLEY, Committee.

This report was discussed by J. S. Hardaway, J. C. Caddell, R. H. Marsh. On motion, report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The great need of our people is education, and especially christian education, which is in a large measure claiming the attention of the people of our State. We rejoice in the progress which has been made and the hopeful outlook for the training of our girls, whose opportunities have been, and are still inferior to those of our boys. We believe our people are making

greater sacrifices today than ever before for education of their children. This is the first time in our history that we have had the pleasure of calling your attention to a school of our own, the Baptist Female University, located at Raleigh, N. C., we beg lief to recommend this school and the Oxford Female Seminary, to those having daughters to educate. We think Wake Forest College with the superior advantages, for young men is well worthy the support of the Baptist of the State. We would also call attention to Bethel Hill Institute as a good preparatory school.

A. C. PARHAM,
SOL. O'BRIANT, } Com.
J. M. PHIPPS,

The report was discussed by the following brethren, A. C. Parham, O. L. Stringfield, J. D. Hufham and Jno Mitchell, representative of the Board of Education of Wake Forest College.

Roll of churches called, and the following promised to try to raise the named amounts for ministerial Education.

Antioch, $2.50; Bethany, $3; Bethel, $5; Enon, $5; Flat River Union, $5; Florence Ave., $5; Grassy Creek, $5; Hesters $5; Mill Creek $5; Mt. Zion, $5; Oxford, $10; Rock Spring, $5; State Line $2; Stovall, $3; On motion report adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, reported. After a short discussion of the report, it was recommitted to the Committe. Final report on Committee on Order of Business:

Thursday—Devotional exereises 9:15 a m; Miscellaneous Business 9:30 a m; Temperance 10 a m; Foreign Missions 10:30 a m; Home Missions 11:15 a m; Family Prayer 12 m; Report of Committee on Fifth Sunday Meeting 12:15 p m.

On motion the Asscciation adjourned, dismissed by J. A. Beam.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by M. A. Adams. Minutes of the previous day read and corrected. Roll of delegates called and absentees noted.

On motion of J. S. Hardaway the roll of Pastors in the Association was called and absentees noted. F. P. Hobgood made a motion to dispense with the reading of church letters hereafter, at each meeting of the Association, and a committee of three be appointed to revise the form of church letters. Also a Committee on digest of church letters, the latter to be appointed at be-

ginning of each meeting of the Association. The motion prevailed. R. H. Marsh, F. W. Hancock and the Clerk were appointed to revise church letters.

R. H. Marsh called attention to a letter from Dr. Sanderford asking for $240, for repairs to Creedmoor church, whereupon, J. S. Hardaway moved that the matter be commended to the churches, and that J. T. Martin, pastor of Creedmoor church, be invited to visit the churches of Flat River Association and solicit contributions for that object. The motion prevailed.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is a great evil. We recommend that all church members abstain from drinking intoxicating drinks and keep out of bar rooms. By so doing, they will be setting a good example for the cause of Christ.

B. D. HOWARD,
J. T. NEWTON, } Com.
J. P. STOVALL,

This subject was discussed by the following brethren:

B. D. Howard , J. H. Smith, J. A. Beam, J. M. Phipps and P. H. Fontaine. On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

When Jesus Christ left the earth, He committed the evangelizing of the world to his disciples, as completely as God, the Father, had committed the work of atoning for the race to him. Looking them in the face he said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." With this obligation resting upon us, and this command enjoined in our law, there is but one condition, and that is, the field is the world in which we are to labor. A study of its needs and what has been done is absolutely necessary to a full appreciation of the obligation and command.

We are glad to be able to report our work, that of the Southern Baptist Convention as being in a prosperous condition. Last year was signalized by the payment of all indebtedness, sending out new Missionaries, and the return of money of those who were at home. We have Missionaries in the following countries with the following results:—

Countries	Churches	Out-St'n	Miss'nrs	N-helper	Baptisms	Membership
China,	22	35	40	51	426	1802
Africa,	6	6	6	10	37	341
Mexico,	26	39	10	19	45	1091
Brazil,	23	30	18	17	285	1524
Japan,	1	9	7	7	13	300

By taking a summary of the above it will be seen that we have 78 churches, 119 outstations, 81 Missionaries, 108 native helpers, baptized 807, with a total membership of 5058. These contributed $7,110,20 and maintained good Sunday schools in their work. In view of the blessings of God on our work and the the enlargement of the same, we suggest that we strive to become more in sympathy with this work in our prayers and contributions. We recommend:

1. That the Foreign Mission Journal be taken by our people.
2. That pastors preach frequently on Missions.
3. That whenever practical, Women Missionary Societies be organized.
4. That this Association appoint some brother who shall speak on Missions in her bounds and so far as possible arouse Missionary Spirit.

M. A. ADAMS, Com.

This report was discussed by the following brethren: J. D. Hufham, J. R. Pace, M. A. Adams, J. S. Hardaway, J. H. Long P. H. Fontaine, R. H. Marsh. On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion the regular order of busiuess was suspended, to take up report of committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings. R. H. Marsh asked a question of personal privilege, and explained why these meetings failed last year.

Moved by J. S. Hardaway that a committee on Sunday School Institutes be appointed to hold three institutes during the year, arranging the program and the place as they deemed best. The motion prevailed and the following committee appointed: F. W. Hancock, B. F. Hester and A. C. Parham.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the cause in which the Baptists of the South co-operate for work in Cuba, on our western frontiers, in Texas, Oklahoma, the Indian Territory—among the Indians, Negroes. In our cities with the Foreign population and in our mountain sections. It is chiefly by this work that Southern Baptist people are bound together. God has wonderfully blessed it, and our churches should never allow other things to overshadow Home Missions.

1st: Because God has by the late Spanish war, created the grandest opportunity for preaching the Gospel in Cuba and Porto Rico, offered to Christians anywhere during this century.

2nd: Becuase our Foreign population is increasing at a marvelous rate and unless christianized and moulded into our relig-

ious life will finally overthrow good government, church and home.

3rd: The Mormons are engaged in what is to them the greatest propoganda in history, and they boldly annuonce that they are going to take the Southern States. Four hundred Morman Missionaries are now at work in our midst, well organized, well supplied with pernicious literature and well supported by the Morman church in Utah and Wyoming.

4th: Because the race problem is impending everywhere in the South, And we believe that wise intelligent, religious training will bring the Negroes to a better understanding of the relationship he must bear to the white people among whom his lot has been cast. A better understanding between the races, a higher type of practical christianity among the Negroes, and the sympathy engendered among our people by our efforts to help them will go far toward making race conflicts impossible.

5th: Because the Indians are rapidly perishing from the earth and we should give them the Gospel and fit them for the judgment.

6th: Because our mountain sections, comprising the richest empire in natural resources anywhere on earth must be developed by the Missionary and educational efforts of the Home Mission Board. The people in these sections are now Baptists, whether they shall remain so or go over to Presbyterianism and Methodism, depends upon our support of our Home and State Mission work.

7th: Because the Home Mission Board came to our rescue here in N. C. when we were not able to help ourselves, helped us on our feet—just after the civil war. And because, this year we are receiving $3000 to help us in our State Mission work. Without this timely assistance we would be powerless to accept the glorious opportunity before us in North Carolina, especially in Western North Carolina.

We are pledged to raise for home missions, between now and next May, $4,000. Will not all our churches realize the importance of this work? B. F. HESTER, Chairman.

The report was discussed by the following brethren, B. F. Hester, J. C. Caddell and F. P. Hobgood. On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYERS.

The committee failing to report on this topic, F. P. Hobgood offered the following resolution:—

RESOLVED, That, this Association earnestly urges upon the heads of families the great duty and high privilige of family worship.

The following brethren entered heartily into the discussion of the above: T. H. Street, J. A. Beam, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Stradley, Joe Noblin and John Mitchell. The resolution was adopted.

Committe on Time, Place and Preacher, made the following report:—

We recommend that this Association meet with Roxboro Baptist Church, Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1900. The introductory sermon be preached by Rev M. A. Adams; Rev. J. L. Martin, Alternate.

PERVIS TILLEY.
J. M. PHIPPS. } Com.
WM. WALLER,

This report was discussed by bretheren John Phipps, W. B. Morton and P. H. Fontaine. On motion the report was adopted. P. H. Fontaine offered the following resolution.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be tendered Providence church for its excellent spirit of hospitality manifested, in inviting the Association, three times to meet with them, though we believe that our duty enjoins us to decline this invitation.

This resolution was adopted. Treasurer F. W. Hancock read his report, which was adopted, and is herein appended.

F. P. Hobgood offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That our hearty thanks be tendered to the brethren of the church and citizens of the community for their abundant hospitality during this session of the Association.

Resolution adopted.

The Moderator announced the committees for next year as given on page 1. F. W. Hancock offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services, and that he be directed to publish and distribute the usual number of minutes of the proceedings of the Association.

On motion this resolution was adopted.

On motion by W. B. Morton the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1900, with Roxboro Church, Roxboro, N. C. The closing devotional exercises were conducted by J. A Beam. After quotations of scripture by several of the brethren and prayers by brethren J. A. Stradley, Jno Mitchell and J. D. Hufham, the whole congregation joined in singing "Sweet By and By." Thus ended one of the most enjoyable sessions recorded in the history of the Flat River Association.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	POST OFFICE.	Officers & T'ch'rs.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Collection.
Amis' Chapel..	A. D. Frazier....	Buchanan,. N. C.	8	40	40	.. ...
Antioch.....	J. L. Wilkerson.	Roxboro,... "	7	65	70	.....
Bethany.....	... ...	....	..	....	....	.....
Bethel.....	L. H. Boyd	Bethel Hill, "	12	96	120	165 85
Concord.....	Esca Coley.....	Lyons,... .. "	4	30	30	5 10
Corinth.....	J. B. Elliott.....	Clay,..... "	8	80	48	1 00
Creedmoor....	R. H. Rogers....	Creedmoor, "	5	40	...	3 50
Enon.....	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove.. "	8	73	70	43 76
Fellowship ...	B. F. Lawrence.	Beck,..... "	8	....	60	.....
Flat River Union	N. B. Waller ..	Knap of Reeds,	10	76	76	5 00
Florence Avenue.	R. T. Amis.....	Virgilina,....Va.	7	35	36	.....
Grassy Creek.	J. H. Chandler..	Bullocks,...N. C.	7	62	73	2 83
Hesters.. ...	B. F. Dean.....	Sunset,..... "	10	92	72	10 00
Island Creek..	Willie Dunn.....	Williamsboro "	12	120	140	.....
Mary's Chapel	Z. W. Wheelus..	Grissom,... "	5	35	....	.....
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek,. "	12	115	....	14 19
Mountain Creek..	J. R. Hart..... ..	Cornwall... "	6	50	60	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	B. D. Howard...	Oxford,..... "	8	56	72	29 84
Olive Branch.	S. D. Pool.	Christie..... "	7	30	25	6 20
Oxford.....	F. W. Hancock..	Oxford,.... "	16	186	200	62 30
Peace Chapel.	Willie Howell...	Clay,..... "	4	44	40	.....
Poplar Creek.	J. L. Capps.	Carlton,.... "	10	35	72	12 64
Providence...	S. R. Chambers.	Mill Creek,. "	7	70	30	.. ..
Rock Spring..	W. A. Owens....	Woburn,... "	8	67	70	.....
Roxboro.....	J. W. Noell.....	Roxboro,... "	10	84	....	15 82
Sharon	J. C. Currin	Berea,..... "	7	30	40	.....
State Line...	Joe S. Royster.	Bullock,.... "	6	35	60	3 70
Stovall.....	T. W. Stovall...	Stovall,.... "	7	40	50	.....
Tally Ho.....	S. B. Washington	Stem,..... "	5	25	37	.....

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bethel, Foreign Missions $28 16, church building $80 07, orphanage $33 55. Concord, orphanage $5 10. Corinth, State Missions $1 00. Creedmoor, Missions $3 50. Enon, orphanage $23 76, Missions $20 00. Flat River Union, orphanage $5. Grassy Creek, Foreign Missions $2 22, orphanage 61c. Hesters, Foreign Missions $5, orphanage $5. Mt. Zion, State Missions $4 97, Home Missions $3 39, Foreign Missions $8 36, Education $4 97, orphanage $8 15. Olive Branch, orphanage $6 20. Poplar Creek, State Missions $3 88, Foreign Missions, $3 88, Sunday school $1, orphanage $3 88. Roxboro, Foreign missions $2, orphanage $13 82. State Line Education $1 18, minister's relief $1 19, orphanage $1 32.

Financial Table:

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Avais Chapel	$ 150 00	$	$ 2 84	$ 1 50	$ 10 75	$ 5 84	$ 10 00	$	$ 12 93	$	$ 12 86	$ 226 47
Antioch	125 00	8 60	.....	1 50	5 00	1 52	2 50	2 50	6 60	.....	5 40	153 25
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 80	3 00	6 50	.....	2 21	1 55	.....	19 10
Bethel	150 00	10 00	32 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	132 41	.....	50 17	5 50	27 17	376 00
Concord	125 00	24 10	.....	1 00	3 00	6 25	7 92	30	5 42	1 40	4 33	178 72
Corinth	75 00	5 65	.....	1 00	.....	4 80	8 27	.....	.....	.....	10 00	112 00
Creedmoor	50 00	15 00	.....	25	1 10	.....	1 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	77 60
Enon	.....	74 00	2 65	80	9 65	12 60	9 75	2 70	22 50	3 75	9 88	146 83
Fellowship	100 00	15 00	.....	1 25	4 20	4 00	2 00	2 16	15 25	1 25	8 33	153 44
Flat River Union	150 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	3 76	4 00	6 50	3 10	6 42	3 35	4 00	198 47
Florence Avenue	100 00	6 90	2 64	1 00	2 97	3 59	4 58	1 00	6 69	3 73	5 00	143 10
Grassy Creek	150 00	25 00	17 47	1 50	5 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	7 00	4 00	12 16	248 97
Hester's	200 00	16 00	80 00	1 00	6 30	5 60	8 22	2 55	12 60	3 50	12 48	352 52
Island Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 50	10 00	5 40	11 25	2 95	5 17	.....	.....	186 42
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 00
Mill Creek	225 00	12 00	3 70	2 00	20 00	25 00	20 00	7 00	11 61	.....	.....	347 50
Mountain Creek	150 00	12 00	.....	55	10 00	12 00	10 74	.....	5 00	3 86	.....	204 00
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	50	1 00	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 90
Mt. Zion	167 25	14 31	.....	1 50	18 50	8 30	20 52	2 75	7 45	2 60	49 27	290 65
New Light	.....	.....	.....	50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 25	3 50	2 59	4 31	2 30	5 25	.....	13 61	110 00
Olive Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	.....	71 73	7 16	3 00	55 00	59 36	84 75	7 76	31 05	9 50	72 30	350 00
Peace Chapel	75 00	.....	20 00	1 10	2 00	1 21	2 26	.....	.....	.....	60 00	163 00
Pleasant Grove	75 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	85 50
Poplar Creek	150 00	14 19	.....	1 00	20 38	10 00	21 00	.....	7 57	.....	33 70	257 84
Providence	.....	.....	1 93	90	1 10	1 60	30	39	68	40	2 09	9 45
Rock Spring	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 33	4 72	9 61	1 37	5 50	20 71	8 90	159 00
Roxboro	450 00	51 85	21 00	1 50	.....	3 00	5 00	5 00	19 75	.....	3 154 15	3 667 10
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	70	5 00	3 11	2 01	.....	2 70	.....	55 00	128 50
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Line	115 00	25 00	3 40	1 00	3 40	1 85	3 69	1 00	6 80	1 00	55 00	212 05
Stovall	125 00	.....	3 00	1 00	6 74	5 45	13 83	2 08	1 17	1 21	52 00	211 48
Tally Ho	125 00	.....	5 97	75	3 42	5 00	3 57	25	6 36	.....	1 17	150 45
Slaughter Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	166 95	.....	111 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Contributed by the churches to Gospel Missions, Mill Creek $2; Mountain Creek S. S. $5; Slaughter Fund $55.65.
Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society to Missions, Island Creek, $12; Mill Creek, Home Missions $5; Foreign Missions $4.

Statistics of Churches.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership	Gain	Loss.
Amis' Chapel	1	4	..	....	..	2	150	1	6
Antioch	...	1	..	4	1	2	91	8	7
Bethany	6	4	..	8	1	1	72	10	10
Bethel	15	6	1	10	1	6	191	22	17
Concord	18	...	..	....	..	3	114	18	3
Corinth	3	21	..	4	..	1	153	24	5
Creedmoor	...	1	..	....	..	..	12	1	..
Enon	9	8	..	23	1	..	173	..	..
Fellowship	21	....	2	2	5	1	114	23	8
Flat River Union	9	....	..	7	3	..	148	9	10
Florence Avenue	...	1	..	....	..	1	63	1	1
Grassy Creek	...	16	3	8	2	..	217	19	10
Hesters	9	5	1	11	1	2	192	15	14
Island Creek	13	12	3	7	4	1	228	28	12
Mary's Chapel	...	1	..	..	16	..	35	1	16
Mill Creek	32	8	3	5	8	3	231	43	16
Mountain Creek	13	6	3	7	6	2	221	22	15
Mt. Harmony	...	...	..	4	2	..	50	..	6
Mt. Zion	8	2	..	12	3	1	194	10	16
New Light	4	...	1	....	..	..	44	5	..
Olive Branch	16	..	2	1	4	3	120	18	8
Olive Grove	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	....
Oxford	9	25	..	13	3	..	250	34	16
Peace Chapel	...	2	..	....	..	..	100	2	..
Pleasant Grove	20	...	..	...	4	2	97	20	6
Poplar Creek	8	4	..	1	4	3	134	12	8
Providence	13	...	8	...	2	1	93	21	3
Rock Spring	5	14	1	7	2	..	106	20	9
Roxboro	...	3	..	1	..	..	95	3	1
Sharon	5	8	..	....	..	1	60	13	1
Snow Hill	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State Line	13	2	5	5	..	2	125	20	7
Stovall	8	18	2	3	4	2	174	28	9
Tally Ho	13	7	1	2	3	2	198	21	7

Pastors, Clerks, and Time of Preaching.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE		CLERK	POSTOFFICE		TIME OF PREACHING
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	N. C.	T. S. Chandler	Push	Va.	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Antioch	W. B. Morton	Roxboro	"	J. M. Denny	Roseville	N. C.	1st " " "
Bethany	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	"	J. T. Newton	Moriah	"	2nd " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	"	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	"	3rd " " "
Concord	M. A. Adams	Lyons	"	W. H. aller	Lyons	"	2nd " " "
Corinth	E. Y Pool	Bethel Hill	"	C. R. Gordon	Clay	"	2nd " " "
Creedmoor	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor	"	S. H. Rodgers	Creedmoor	"	3rd " p. m and 1st Sun. night
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	T. J. Smith	Hargrove	"	4th " and Saturday before
Fellowship	M. A. Adams	Lyons	"	M. F. Adcock	Beck	"	4th " " "
Flat River Union	M. A. Adams	"	"	W. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds	"	4th " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath	Elmo	Va	J. S. Winfree	Virgilina	Va	3rd " " "
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hil	N. C.	H. W. Davis	Bullock	N. C.	4th " " "
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	N. J. Puckett	Sunset	"	2nd " " "
Island Creek	G. N. Bray	Henderson	"	H. T. Sharks	Williamsboro	"	3rd " " "
Marv's Chapel	W. Y Chappel	Flint	"	J. Z. Allen	Grissom,	"	2nd " " "
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins	Clarksville,	Va.	J. L. Gentry	Allensville	"	1st " " "
Mountain Creek	E. Y Pool	Bethel Hill	N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall	"	3rd " " "
Mt. Harmony	M H Ellen	East Durham	"	T. K. Jones	Surl	"	4th " " "
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	Nat Jones	Culbreth	"	1st " " "
New Light	J. H Hutchinson	Six Forks	"	W. H. Chappell	New Light	"	2nd " " "
Olive Branch	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill	"	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock	"	2nd " " "
Olive Grove	No Letter						
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	"	H. M. Shaw	Oxford,	"	Every Sunday a. m and p. m.
Peace Chapel	C. R. Taylor	Wake Forest	"	W. A. Parham	Watkins	"	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse	"	W. A. Hester	Hesters	"	2nd " " "
Poplar Creek	W P. Cullom	Wake Forest	"	P. C. Parham	Oxford	"	1st " " "
Providence	J H Gordon	Averett	Va	G. W. Buchanan	Roxboro	"	3rd " " "
Rock Spring	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	N. C.	J. W. Harris	Guy	Va.	th " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton	Roxboro	"	J. A. Noell	Roxboro	N. C.	2nd and 4th Sun. a. m and p. m.
Sharon	E. Y. Pool	Bethel Hill	"	W. A. McFarland	Berea	"	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Snow Hill	No Letter						
State Line	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	"	J. S. Royster	Bullock	"	3rd Sunday and Saturday before
Stovall	W. F. Fry	Wake Forest	"	E. M. Hart	Dexter	"	1st " " "
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin	Creedmoor	"	C. H. Piper	Hargrove	"	3rd " " "

Flat River

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

ROXBORO BAPTIST CHURCH,

JULY 10, 11, 12, 1900.

MODERATOR, J. A. STRADLEY, - Oxford, N. C.
CLERK, J. C. HOWARD, - - - Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER, JNO. A. NOELL, - - - Roxboro, N. C.

Next session meets with Bethany Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1901. Introductory sermon by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va.

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" J. R. Pace,	Oxford, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION:

Foreign Missions,	G. T. Watkins.
Home Missions,	J. L. Martin.
State Missions,	P. H. Fontaine.
Education,	F. P. Hobgood.
Periodicals,	W. B. Morton.
Sunday Schools,	J. S. Hardaway.
Ministerial Relief,	R. H. Marsh.
Family Prayers,	E. Y. Pool.
Temperance,	T. H. Street.
Orphanage,	M. A. Adams.

*Absent.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be :—to preserve correct statistics of the churches ; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speeker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES :

Member of Board of Missions : F. W. Hancock.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention : F. P. Hobgood.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention : J. D. Brooks, P. H. Fontaine, and A. R. Foushee.

MINUTES.

ROXBORO, N. C., July, 10, 1900.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and seventh annual session with Roxboro Baptist Church, Roxboro, N. C. The introductory sermon was preached by M. A. Adams, Cary, N. C. Subject: "Soul Winning and Soul Winners."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. A. Stradley, Moderator of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. E. Spruill, Franklinton, N. C.

The roll of churches called and names of delegates enrolled, viz :

AMIS CHAPEL—A. H. Garner,* C. S. Chandler, W. L. Puryear.*

ANTIOCH—C. H. Tapp, O. B. Tingen, J. W. Denny.

BETHANY—W. A. Malone, L. J. Meadows, A. W. Cash.

BETHEL—S. P. Gentry, T. D. Woody, A. J. Crutchfield.

CONCORD—R. Currin,* J. L. Lyon,* L. A. Lyon.*

CORINTH—D. G. Brunnitt,* A. Newton, J. I. Gordon.

CREEDMOOR—J. T. W. Chappell,* J. M. Nethery.*

ENON—T. J. Smith, J. C. Howard, J. P. Cannady.

FELLOWSHIP—M. F. Adcock,* C. B. Lawrence,* D. R. Weathers.*

FLAT RIVER UNION—T. S. Waller, E. H. Veazy, F. J. Veazy.*

FLORENCE AVENUE—Rufus Amis,* J. S. Pool,* M. F. Willard.

*Absent.

GRASSY CREEK—J. H. Chandler, J. R. Ragsdale,* J. E. Thomas.

HESTERS—R. D. Brooks, B. F. Currin, W. J. Royster.

ISLAND CREEK—F. M. Woody, C. T. Evans, D. L. Woody.

MILL CREEK—B. F. Gentry, Joseph Younger, T. H. Street.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—Silas Frazier, A. J. Kittrell, Willie Daniel.*

MT. HARMONY—Ollie Eakes, James L. Frazier.*

MT. ZION—B. D. Howard, Sol. O'Briant, J. R. Daniel.

NEW LIGHT—No Letter.

OLIVE BRANCH—W. T. Wilbourne, J. F. Melton,* G. W. O'Bryant.*

OLIVE GROVE—No Letter.

OXFORD—F. P. Hobgood, J. F. Meadows, J. D. Brooks.

PEACE CHAPEL—W. H. Hunt, Willie Howell,* J. T. Grissom.*

PLEASANT GROVE—W. J. Rogers,* C. J. Mangum,* J. W. Smith.*

POPLAR CREEK—W. N. Critcher,* J. L. Capps, C. P. Wright

PROVIDENCE—B. L. Gravitt, J. H. Yarboro,* Davis Carver.

ROCK SPRING—C. Gordon,* A. J. Owen,* J. T. Bowling.

ROXBORO—E. D. Cheek, Joe H. Carver, Joe W. Noell.

SHARON—J. C. Currin, A. M. Denny, D. W. Knott.*

SNOW HILL—J. E. Montague, N. B. Slaughter, S. A. Parham.*

STATE LINE—J. Y. Ramsey,* W. B. Huff, T. A. Royster.

STOVALL—T. W. Stovall,* L. D. Veazy, R. H. Butler.

TALLY HO—J. E. Duncan,* G. J. Day,* P. L. Thommason.*

On motion the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the reelectlon of J. A. Stradley, Oxford, N. C-, Moderator, and J. C. Howard, Oxford, N. C., Clerk, and the electlon of Jno. A. Noell, Roxboro, N. C., Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on order of business: W. B. Morton, W. F. Fry, W. A. Malone.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed: W. C. Tyree, Jno. Mitchell, O. L. Stringfield, J. C. Caddell, Jno. E. White, J. W. Bailey.

Committee on order of business made the following report:

1. Aged Minister's Relief.
2. Periodicals, at 3 45.
3. Education, at 8 30 tonight.
4. State Missions (special order) 11 a. m. Wednesday.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

We are glad to report that the Ministers' Relief Board is growing in favor with the churches year by year. The contributions are increasing and the work enlarging. We believe that it is only necessary to bring this work before the churches to receive their sympathy. Could we give to any cause more worthy? At Asheville the Board reported fourteen beneficiaries. Now there are seventeen. There is no boa.d we have that is managed with less expense than this board. Of the $1,553.39 income for this Board, only $9.30 were paid out as expense fund. The Board desires earnestly the help of the churches in looking out worthy ministers of the Gospel that, being laid aside by age or infirmity, are proper objects for help of this Board. J. S. HARDAWAY.

Report discussed by brethren J. S. Hardaway, W. C. Tyree, T. H. Street. On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is of great importance to the Baptists of the State that they should work together. In order to accomplish this, they must have constant correspondence with each other. One of the best instrumentalities for bringing this about is the "Denominational Organ," in which we can learn what the brethren are doing in different parts of the State, and have suggestions about the best mode of carrying on the work. Such a medium we have in the "Biblical Recorder," and it is our duty to see that it is well sustained. We would commend also "Charity and Children," "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Home Field" and "Baptist Historical Papers."

P. H. FONTAINE, Com.

Discussed by brethren P. H. Fontaine and J. C. Caddell.

On motion W. F. Fry, of East Durham, N. C., is allowed to speak in behalf of "The North Carolina Baptist." Report adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee on Digest of Church Letters: J. A. Beam, T. H. Street, B. D. Howard. On motion the Association adjourned.

Association met in regular session at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by J. L. Martin, of Creedmoor, N. C. Report on Education postponed until morning, and the Association was entertained by addresses from Prof. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest, N. C., on Wake Foest College, and Brother O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh, N. C., on the Baptist Female University.

Committee on order of business made the following report for Wednesday:

8:30 to 10 o'clock, Devotional Exercises.
10 to 11 o'clock, Education.
11 to 12:30 o'clock, State Missions.
On motion adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. O. L. Stringfield.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In all our history, we have never known such a demand as today makes for noble hearted men and women trained in mind and heart. The day has forever gone when education meant simply an educated brain. Indeed, this is only one third of an education—the power or steam in the great engine —as Prof. Poteat puts it. In every vocation of all the business world, the daily call is for men and women well equipped physically, mentally and spiritually. Complication in the business world, is too sharp for business men to risk the untrained and unequipped—the weak, the ignorant and the thief. This demand for truly educated people must be supplied. As to material out of which the supply is to be made, we refer you to the 390,000 little boys and girls in North Carolina who are under twenty oneyears of age and to the many thousands of others under forty years who ought to be in school. This very fact appeals to every Baptist in North Carolina as we claim to be numerically stronger than any other denomination in the State.

As to Wake Forest College, we are glad to report that the outlook for her success was never so hopeful in her history as it is today.

We also rejoice that we are able to report that the opening of our Baptist Female University at Raleigh last fall was the finest ever known in the State. God has opened the hearts of His people to our University. We commend most heartily the above mentioned institutions to every member of our Association for his most liberal support.

We also call attention to the great work of Oxford Seminary which is located in the bounds of our Association and ask that you stand by her in all her efforts to bless this world. Located also in the bounds of our Associrtion, we find Bethel Hill Institute, whhich we heartily commend as worthy of your support.

J. A. BEAM, Chairman.

Brother John Mitchell made a plea for ministerial education

and called the roll of churches for contributions, and the following churches promised to *try* to raise the usual amounts: Antioch, $2; Bethany, $3; Bethel, $5; Concord, $2.50; Creedmoor, 50c; Enon, $5; Flat River Union, $3; Florence Avenue, $5; Grassy Creek, $2; Hester's, $3; Island Creek, $3; Mill Creek, $5; Mountain Creek, $3; Mt. Zion, $5; Olive Branch, $2; Oxford, $10; Peace Chapel, $2; Poplar Creek, $3; Providence, $1.50; Rock Spring, $5; Roxboro, $5; State Line, $3; Stovall, $3; Tally Ho, $2.

Report further discussed by brethren J. S. Hardaway, P. H. Fontaine, J. A. Beam. On motion time extended ten minutes for brother F. P. Hobgood to speak on this subject. Contintinued by B. D. Howard. 38 young ministers were helped at Wake Forest College last year. Report on Education adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Among the primary purposes of the Baptist State Convention as stated in its brief original Constitution the work of preaching the Gospel to the destitute portion of the State has prominent mention. For nearly sixty years the Baptists of North Carolina have prosecuted this work with what success we see. Then there were only about one hundred Baptist churches now 1600. Then only 15000 members now 325000 white and colored. Then $20.00 was the total reported for Missions now $40000.00. Then a feeble educational beginning at Wake Forest now a College ranking at the head of Southern denominational Institutions. The Baptist Female University, the largest and latest expression of our denominational vigor, Oxford Seminary and the Chowan Female Institute and nearly fifty high schools and academies under Baptist ownership or control.

State Missions has been fundamentally a factor in the spiritual progress of these forty years.

In Foreign Missions we have cleared the ground and ploughed the soil by State Missionaries—thus this labor providing a source of supply, both of men and money. At the Orphanage and in the noble thought that gave it its being—men sought and found by State Missionaries have been the moving and sustaining spirits. God has blessed the work of State Mission so manifestly that our people unite heartily in its support as perhaps in no other cause of the denomination. Your committee desires to report that our Board has ninety-two missionaries in the field this year—that the work is well planned to cover as much of our field as possible with the workers and

entirely organized so as to secure the best possible results from money contributed by the churches.

We would especially emphasize the new demands of this cause. Our State is undergoing rapid and remarkable industrial change. Thousands are gathering around the factories and thousands are waiting for the continued multiplication of factories to follow the thousands already gathered. Nothing is more evident than that we have new issues to meet and new opportunities to confront. It is the conviction of those best informed that our State Mission work must be doubled around the factories or we will lose much of our present numerical strength and fail to comprehend our obligations to a great opportunity. In Western North Carolina our school work is moving steadily. A new zeal has seized upon our mountain Baptist people. They are gladly and in most instances anxiously awaiting the co-operation of our Board in the establishment of schools in which the aim is to provide a more efficient ministry. Our contributions should be enlarged about 25 per cent. if we are to be enabled to press this work successfully.

Our motto should be "Forward." The new century calls us to great responsibilities. The old century gives us a glorious background from which to fight—onward! We must not halt now. What one among us desires or encourages it.

This report was discussed by brother J. E. White, after which a collection was taken amounting to $9.25.

The roll of churches was called by brother White and the following churches promised to *try* to raise the following named amounts:

Amis Chapel, $15; Antioch, $5; Bethany, $6; Bethel, $15; Concord, $7.50; Corinth, 5; Creedmoor, $1; Enon, $10; Flat River Union, $10; Florence Avenue, $5; Grassy Creek, $15; Hester's, $7; Island Creek, $15; Mill Creek, $25; Mountain Creek, $12; Mt. Harmony, $1; Mt. Zion, $20; Olive Branch, $—; Oxford, $75; Peace Chapel, $4; Poplar Creek, $21; Providence, $1.25; Rock Spring, $10; State Line, $5; Stovall, $7; Tally Ho, $5. Report adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported:

4 o'clock, Home Missions.

Miscellaneous.

8:30 tonight, Orphanage.

9 tonight, Foreign Missions.

The Moderator appointed following committee on Time, Place and Preacher: T. J. Smith, T. H. Street, L. D. Veazy.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by brother J. S. Hardaway.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report:

We recommend that this Association meet Tuesday after second Sunday in July 1901, with Bethany church and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va. Alternate, Rev. W. F. Fry, East Durham, N. C.

T. J. SMITH,
L. D. VEAZY,
T. H. STREET, } Com.

Brother J. S. Hardaway read a report of the council called to consider the propriety of organizing the brethren who withdrew from Corinth church into a church, and asked that a committee be appointed by the Association to sit upon this matter. On motion brother W. B. Morton, together with Dr. W. B. Royall, Wake Forest, N. C., and Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, N. C., were asked to serve on this committee. Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION.

There being no report on Orphanage, brother A. Johnson spoke in behalf of the Orphanage and also of Charity and Children. A collection amounting to $11 was taken for above object

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of *missions* constitutes the second of the two planks in the platform of Christ's kingdom as laid down by himself in Mark 12 : 30-31. The work of *Foreign missions* is that toward which every phase of Christian work tends and aims—whether that work be evangelistic, educational, or philanthropic. If we seek to convert a soul, it is not for that soul's sake alone; if we seek to educate a preacher, it is not for that preacher's sake at all; if we seek to save an orphan, it is not for that orphan's sake alone; there is the further and higher hope that each of these will become an efficient agent in spreading the kingdom of God. If they fail in this, we feel that our work upon them is a failure.

If there be the proper estimat of the work of Foreign Missions, surely this Association, whose avowed purpose it is to

discuss, stimulate and further the work of *Missionary* Baptist churches, is prepared to give to it the place and importance which its merits demand.

Your committee would call special attention to the goodness of God in adding to our churches on foreign fields an unparalelled number during the past year. A number of brethren asked the Lord to give to our missionaries athousand, and he graciously gave about twelve hundred. The prayer, however, was accompanied by large contributions and sacrifices on the part of the Lord's people. A 25 per cent. increase was recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville in 1899. The convention at Hot Springs in 1900 recommended a still larger increase of men and means. Fifteen new missionaries have been sent out, and others are saying, "Here I am, send me." We are asked to give $200,000 to this great work this year. What will the churches say? It is a hopeful sign for the coming kingdom when a church's loyalty to Christ, its Lord and Saviour, is measured by its attitude toward this great subject.

We most earnestly recommend four things to each church member within the bounds of this Association. (1) More real *heart praying* on this subject. (2) More real *Bible study* on this subject. (3) More *general reading* (Foreign Mission Journal, Biblical Recorder, Mission tracts and books) on this subject. (4) An *enlargement in gifts* to this work.

W. R. CULLOM.

This report was discussed by brethren F. P. Hobgood, J. W. Bailey, W. F. Fry. Report adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported following:

Thursday a. m., morning sessions—
9:00, Devotional exercises.
9:15, Miscellaneous.
9:45, Home Missions.
10:30, Sunday School.
11:00, Temperence.
Family Prayers.
Sermon.

On motion aejournment.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. C. Barrett. Minutes of previous day read and approved. Roll of delegates called and absentees noted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the condition of our Orphanage to be in all repects favorable. The health of the 172 children has been excellent, no distressing epidemic having visited them. The health of our General Manager is improving, and we pray that he may be completely restored. The income from all sources has reached the magnificient sum of $17,578.75, the largest by several thousand dollars yet received in any year. Work will soon begin on the Mills Memorial Building, designed to teach the boys trades that will be helpful to them. The Institution is conducted economically, the cost of maintaining, feeding, clothing, and instructing, being $4.81 per capita. There are yet many orphan children in North Carolina that need sheltering care of the Institution. They cannot be admitted for the lack of room, and this can't be furnished for lack of means. We urge the churches to furnish these in larger means. F. P. HOBGOOD, Com.

Attention was called to the matter of raising money to finish paying for the portrait of Bro. J. H. Mills; a collection was taken amounting to $4.35.

Committee on Digest of Letters made their report. Report adopted.

On motion the delegates to the State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and Board of Mission, as given on page 2, were elected.

On motion the Clerk is allowed to insert proper advertisements in the Minutes and have 600 copies of same printed.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The success of all missionary enterprise is dependent upon fundamental work. The work of State and Home Missions is basal work, and is important in preparing the way and laying the foundation upon which the denomination may build. It has been said that "Home Missions have always been the chief source of all missionary and educational enterprises."

The territory of our Home Board embraces all the States south of and including Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, also Oklahoma and Indian Territories and the Island of Cuba.

The work of the Board is largely co-operative, and is divided into several departments. Frontier and Mountain Work; work among the negroes and Foreign Population; work in the cities and Cuba.

FRONTIER WORK—This comprises an area of nearly a thousand miles in length and 500 miles in width. It embraces the

whole of two Territories and a part of Arkansas and Texas.

MOUNTAIN WORK—This region embraces an area of about 2000 sqnare miles, including a part of our own State, and in one of the most needy fields.

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES—Work on the co-operative plan is being done in several States, and is productive of great good in many ways. It tends to increasə the harmony between the races and we trust will be the means of saving these people to the Master's cause.

FOREIGN POPULATION—The field of the Home Board has a large and varied population. The States have 5000 Chinese, 40,000 Italians, 500,000 Germans.

WORK IN CUBA—This work is divided between the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, and the Home Board. The latter has the western province and the former the eastern. Our work is well organized in three provinces and is being successfully prosecuted by efficient leaders. There is a great demand for more teachers and preachers. For the support of this great work our State contributed $6,018 last yer, of this amount the Flat River Association gave $213.00.

We feel thankful for past success, but the demand for greater effort is even more imperative than ever before in our history.

E. Y. POOL.

Report discussed by J. C. Caddell, J. E. White, W. F. Fry, J. S. Hardaway. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday Schools are Bible Schools. They have a right to exist because they teach the Bible. More Bible knowledge, for the average person, is gotten in the Sunday School than any where else.

The Sunday School is educational. It is the church's school house and academy. The church's best material is trained here.

Sunday Schools are missionary organizations. They are expansive in their ideas and mission stimulating. The boy gets a mental picture in the Sunday School of a lost world that moves before his soul for the remainder of his life.

Everybody who can learn or teach should be in the Sunday School. This can be so, it must be so. Let our pastors and laymen make it so.

W. F FRY, Com.

Report on Sunday Schools discussed by W. C Barrett, J. H. Chandler, J. P. Cannady. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

As the churches of Christ should stand for all that is good,

and oppose sin in every form, and as intemperance is one of the greatest evils in the world; ruining many homes, and retarding the progress of the churches and destroying so many souls and bodies of our fellow-men. Therefore we recommend first, that our church members be requested to "touch not, nor taste not" intoxicating drinks as a beverage, because all drunkenness begins in moderate drinking. Second, that the young people of our churches be better instructed as to the great evils of intemperance; and that we have more writing, talking and preaching on this subject. Third, that Christians pray more earnestly that the Spirit of the Lord may lead all our church members to live more consistent christian lives, entirely avoiding the drink habit. J. R. PACE.

Report discussed by J. A. Stradley, J. A. Beam, J. I. Gordon, J. P. Cannady. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15.00; and should there be a surplus after paying for the minutes, he be allowed $5.00 additional, out of said surplus, for his work in soliciting advertisements. P. H. FONTAIN,
F. P. HOBGOOD.

On motion the Clerk is instructed to write churches not sending Letters and inquire after them

Moderator appointed Standing Committees as found on page 1.

Treasurer made his report which appears elsewhere.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and citizens of Roxboro for their cordial hospitality shown us during this meeting.

M. F. WILLARD.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER

Parents first duty is to the purificatian of home and home surroundings. If homes are pure and sweet, churches will be the same. If churches are upon the high plane of Christian work and development as intended by our Saviour the nation will be safe. And as prayer is the only medium to reach the source of all power and purity, we deem it absolutely necessary for every head of a family to erect and sustain family worship, in order that our lives may be in daily touch with God the Father, Christ the mediator, and Holy Spirit, the purifier. T. H. STREET.

This report discussed by T. H. Street, Bro. Jno. Mitchell, F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Hardaway, P. H. Fontaine. Report adopted.

Brother Fontaine conducted the closing exercises. The con-

gregation joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." Brother F. P. Hobgood lead in prayer, and thus ended one more enjoyable meeting of the Flat River Association.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received,		$242.53	
" " "	for ad. in minutes,	12.00	
By amount pd. J. A. Johnson, (Orphanage.)			$ 49.13
" " "	S. H. Averett, Treas. Orphanage,		6.00
" " "	J. D. Boushall, Treas.,		154.40
" " "	J. C. Howard, Clerk,		15.00
" " "	for printing minutes,		25.00
" " "	J. C. Howard, mailing minutes,		5.00
		$254.53	$254.53

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. NOELL, Treas.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses	Charities.	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Educat'n	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total Contributions.
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$	.....	$ 1 00	$ 12 00	$ 5 09	$ 10 00	$	$10 61	.....	$ 4 25	$ 193 45
Antioch	125 00	.....	.....	1 50	6 00	3 10	3 10	1 50	.....	.....	24 20	164 40
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	4 25	4 25	1 68	5 40	1 30	.....	22 88
Bethel	150 00	10 00	12 00	2 01	7 50	8 00	x 173 13	1 08	37 38	3 30	3 00	264 38
Corinth	125 00	5 00	.....	1 00	5 00	2 00	3 30	.....	4 90	.....	.....	15 25
Creedmoor	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 00
Enon	50 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	57 00
Fellowship	150 00	10 00	.....	1 25	7 55	8 75	9 25	3 00	20 07	3 00	20 00	232 87
Flat River Union	95 00	6 00	.....	75	1 60	2 65	x 11 00	.....	2 78	.....	1 00	110 98
Florence Avenue	150 00	14 93	1 00	1 00	9 60	.....	3 60	4 00	8 57	.....	.....	186 10
Grassy Creek	100 00	16 00	.....	1 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	147 00
Hesters	150 00	1 50	19 00	1 50	5 60	6 43	15 00	3 90	18 55	3 05	18 25	232 78
Island Creek	200 00	12 00	55 20	1 00	4 20	4 85	3 87	3 25	8 00	3 10	5 67	301 14
Mill Creek	150 00	37 00	10 00	1 50	20 10	3 42	21 90	.....	2 59	.....	22 70	268 40
Mountain Creek	250 00	15 00	.....	2 00	20 00	11 00	28 75	6 68	15 00	5 00	353 18	706 61
Mt. Harmony	150 00	12 00	.....	1 00	15 00	7 25	x 17 25	.....	5 75	.....	1 75	199 35
Mt. Zion	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
New Light	161 00	16 90	.....	1 50	13 60	17 50	21 26	5 00	5 15	3 00	.....	304 91
Olive Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Grove	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	3 24	3 10	1 92	.....	5 00	.....	8 41	97 67
Oxford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peace Chapel	1000 00	117 00	21 03	3 00	68 50	74 60	170 85	7 76	40 17	7 00	180 20	1725 11
Pleasant Grove	75 00	.....	20 00	1 05	3 10	1 20	4 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	105 35
Poplar Creek	75 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	3 15	.....	3 75	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	92 90
Providence	150 00	8 00	.....	1 00	18 21	8 00	15 85	.....	6 38	3 00	1 00	210 94
Rock Springs	60 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 50	65	.....	.....	.....	72	63 87
Roxboro	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	8 38	4 62	6 00	1 56	.....	1 80	3 20	125 56
Sharon	450 00	53 25	39 00	2 00	28 00	3 00	3 00	.....	24 05	.....	374 88	977 18
Snow Hill	60 00	.....	.....	60	1 75	2 00	2 60	.....	.....	.....	50 00	116 60
State Line	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	2 26	2 60	.....	2 08	.....	.....	5 36
Stovall	115 00	3 75	3 00	1 00	2 80	3 00	3 00	80	3 35	1 70	30 00	167 40
Tally Ho	125 00	15 76	3 42	1 00	9 45	4 69	11 10	.....	7 65	.....	27 25	205 32
Slaughter Estate	125 00	.....	.....	1 00	50	50	3 81	50	75	.....	.....	144 00
	20 00	.....	.....	.....	170 05	.....	x 113 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Gospel Missions Slaughter Estate, $113.37. x Gospel Missions.
Contributed by Sunbeams, Oxford, to Foreign Missions, $35.00.
" Oxford to church building, Tabb's Creek, $100.00
" " W. M. society to State Missions, 226.50.
" " " box to Home Missions, $28.75.

CHURCHES	SUPT'S.	POST OFFICES	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Collection.
Amis Chapel.	W. T. Chandler..	Buchanan N. C.	5	65	65	$10 61
Antioch	C. H. Tapp.....	Ai,... .... "	7	60	60	.....
Bethany	A. B. Tilley	Moriah,.... "	6	40	30	.....
Bethel.....	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo,..... Va.	13	85	175	98 26
Corinth	D. W. Eakes.....	Clay, ... N. C.	7	70	36	7 50
Creedmoor ...	J. M. Neathery .	Creedmoor, "	5	51	20	.....
Enon	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove.... "	7	80	65	43 29
Fellowship ...	S. A. Cannady ...	Beck..... "	6	56	50	5 00
Flat River Union	E. J. Nance	Stem..... "	7	45	60	8 00
Florence Avenue	J. S. Winfree....	Virgilina.... Va.	4	20	25	.....
Grassy Creek.	J. H. Chandler..	Bullock....N. C.	10	70	79	6 30
Hesters.....	B. F. Dean	Sunset..... "	10	120	150	41 26
Island Creek..	L Evans.....	Williamsboro "	12	175	180	10 00
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek... "	15	121	70	12 50
Mountain Creek.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall.... "	7	60	61	5 75
Mt. Harmony	Spencer E. Peed.	Surl..... . "	5	42	45	.....
Mt. Zion.....	B. D. Howard...	Oxford..... "	9	65	72	41 01
Oxford..... ...	F. W. Hancock..	Oxford..... "	13	180	972	55 05
Peace Chapel	D. G. Brannitt ..	Foreport... "	5	40	34	.....
Poplar Creek.	J. L. Capps.....	Carlton..... "	9	34	74	8 76
Rock Spring..	J. S. Royster. ..	Woodworth "	6	62	70	89
Roxboro	C. W. Carter. ...	Roxboro... "	9	100	68	65 95
Sharon	J. C. Currin..	Berea..... "	5	30	30	.....
Snow Hill....	B. F. Gentry	Allensville.. "	5	65	55	.....
State Line....	B. F. Frazier	Bullock.... "	8	50	55	3 00
Tally Ho	H. M. Bragg.....	Stem.... ... "	3	40	50	.....
Stovall	D. M. Stovall....	Stovall..... "	6	50	50	.....
			204	1875	3206	559 80

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis Chapel: Orphanage $10.61. Corinth: State Missions $2.07, Orphanage $5.43 Enon: State Mis. $8.18, Home Mis. $8.18, Foreign Mis. $8.18, Orphanage $18.75. Flat River Union: Orphanage $8.00. Grassy Creek: State Mis. $1.00, S. S. $2.50, Orphanage $2.80. Hesters: Foreign Mis. $5.00, Bible Funds $4.72, Orphanage $10.00, India Famine Fund $10.00. Mountain Creek: Gospel Mis. $5.75. Mt. Zion: State Mis. $7.00, For. Mis. $4.22, Orphanage $7.32, India Relief $13.26. Poplar Creek: State Mis. $2.92, For. Mis. $2.92, Orphanage $2.94. Rock Spring S. S. Mis. 89 cts. Roxboro: Orphanage $15.95. State Line: Foreign Mis. $1.50, Orphanage $1.50.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Gain	Loss.
Amis Chapel		2		2		5	150		1
Antioch	6			2		5	101	6	7
Bethany	5	6	2		2	4	75	13	6
Bethel	22	5	4	6	3	2	211	31	11
Concord	5				5	6	109	5	11
Corinth	4	4	1	3	33	2	116	9	38
Creedmoor		1					13	1	
Enon			1	17	4	1	143	1	22
Fellowship	8	1	1	5	1	1	121	10	7
Flat River Union	2		1	5	2	7	137	3	14
Florence Avenue	2				2	4	59	2	6
Grassy Creek		9	1	11	4	2	207	10	17
Hesters		4		9	2	2	183	4	13
Island Creek	6	1		11	1	7	215	7	19
Mill Creek	18	9	5	7	2	2	251	32	11
Mountain Creek	15	8	1	10	7	1	229	24	8
Mt Harmony	2		1		1	2	48	3	3
Mt. Zion		4	3	6	1	2	191	7	9
New Light									
Olive Branch			2	9	10	4	99	2	23
Olive Grove									
Oxford	23	7	1	16		1	264	31	17
Peace Chapel		2		2		1	90	2	3
Pleasant Grove	3	1		2	6	1	91	4	9
Poplar Creek	5	4	2	5	2	1	134	11	8
Providence	9		1	6	1	1	81	10	8
Rock Springs	3	3	1	6	1	1	101	7	8
Roxboro	2	7		4			98	9	4
Sharon	3			2			62	2	
Snow Hill		2		2	1	1	38	2	3
State Line		5		4	2	1	123	5	7
Stovall		12	1	10	1	2	174	13	13
Tally Ho	13	8	4	7		1	225	25	8
Total	154	105	35	168	92	66	4141	292	319

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis Chapel.	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, N. C	J. W. Chandler..	Buchanan, N. C.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch	W. B. Morton...	Roxboro, "	J. M. Denny... .	Roseville, "	1st " " " "
Bethany	J. A. Stradley...	Oxford, "	J. T. Newton...	Moriah, "	2nd " " " "
Bethel.....	P. H. Fontaine..	Bethel Hill, "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	3rd " " " "
Concord	M. A. Adams....	Carey, "	Leo A. Lyon.....	Lyons, "	2nd " " " "
Corinth	Geo. E. Spruill..	Franklinton, "	C. R. Gordon....	Clay, "	2nd " " " "
Creedmoor ...	J. L. Martin....	Creedmoor, "	S. H. Rogers....	Creedmoor, "	3rd Sun. 3 p. m., 1st Sun. 7.
Enon	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford, "	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Fellowship ...	J. A. Brindle....	Wake Forest "	M. F. Adcock....	Beck. "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	M. A. Adams....	Carey, "	M. B. Waller....	Knapp of Reeds "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T. Creath....	Elmo, Va.	J. S. Wintree...	Elmo, Va.	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek.	P. H. Fontaine..	Bethel Hill, N. C	H. W. Davis.....	Bullock, N. C.	4th " " " "
Hesters.....	R. H. Marsh....	Oxford, "	N. J. Puckett...	Sunset, "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek..	G. N. Bray.....	Henderson, "	H. T. Shanks....	Williamsboro "	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek....	G. T. Watkins..	Clarksville, Va.	J. L. Gentry....	Allensville, "	1st " " " "
Mountain Creek.	E. Y. Pool.....	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. S. Eakes	Cornwall, "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. Y. Pool.....	" " "	J. K. Jones.....	Surl, "	4th " " " "
Mt. Zion.....	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford, "	Nat Jones.....	Culbreth, "	1st " " " "
New Light....	No letter...	.....	.. ..	.....	.....
Olive Branch.	E. Y. Pool.....	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. P. Stovall	Big Rock, "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove ..	No letter.....	.....	... .	.....	... .
Oxford.... ...	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford, "	H. M. Shaw... ...	Oxford, "	Twice each Sabbath.
Peace Chapel	E. R. Harris.....	Wake Forest "	W. A Parham..	Watkins, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Neuse, "	W. A. Hester....	Hesters, "	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek.	W. R. Cullom...	Wake Forest "	H. M. Wright....	Carlton, "	1st " " " "
Providence..	J. H. Gordon...	Averett, "	J. H. Yarborough	Roxboro, "	3rd " " " "
Rock Spring..	J. A. Stradley...	Oxford, "	J. W. Harris....	Woodworth, "	1st " " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton...	Roxboro, "	Jno. A. Noell...	Roxboro, "	2nd & 4th Sun. a m every p m.
Sharon	E. Y. Pool.....	Bethel Hill, "	W. A. McFarland	Berea, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Snow Hill....	J. H. Gordon....	Averett, "	J. E. Montague.	Allensville, "	4th " " " "
State Line....	R. H. Marsh.....	Oxford, "	T. A. Royster...	Bullock, "	3rd " " " "
Stovall	W. F. Fry.....	Durham, "	E. M. Hart.....	Dexter, "	1st " " " "
Tally Ho	J. L. Martin....	Creedmoor, "	C. H. Pipser. ..	Hargrove, "	3rd " " " "

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH,

JULY 16, 17, 18, 1901.

MODERATOR, J. A. STRADLEY, - Oxford, N. C.
CLERK, J. C. HOWARD, - - - Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER, JNO. A. NOELL, - - Roxboro, N. C.

Next session meets with Fellowship Baptist Church, on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1902. Introductory sermon by Rev. E. Y. Pool, Rougemont, N. C.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be :—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage, and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderotor, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.
3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.
4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.
6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion, without permission of the Association.
7. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9. A vote of two thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES:

Member of Board of Missions : F. W. Hancock.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention : P. H. Fontaine.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention : I. N. Day, P. C. Parham, S. L. Howard.

PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES:

Rev. M. A. Adams,*	Raleigh, N. C.
" J. W. Atkinson,*	Neuse, "
" J. A. Beam,	Bethel Hill, "
" J. A. Brindell,	Wake Forest, "
" W. Y. Chappell,*	Flint, "
" W. R. Cullom,*	Wake Forest, "
" W. T. Creath,*	Elmo, Va.
" P. H. Fontaine,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
" J. H. Gordon,	Averett, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway,	Oxford, N. C.
" J. H. Hutchinson,*	Six Forks, "
" E. R. Harris,	Wake Forest, "
" R. H. Marsh,	Oxford, "
" W. B. Morton,	Roxboro, "
" E. Y. Pool,	Rougemont, "
" J. A. Stradley,	Oxford, "
" G. T. Watkins,	Clarksville, Va.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev. R. I. Devin,	Oxford, N. C.
" J. W. Downey,	Buchanan, "
" G. W. Green,	China.
" T. J. Hudson,	China.
" J. K. Humphries,	Bethel Hill, N. C.
" R. H. Jones,	Ai, "
" J. J. Lansdell,	Durham, "
" J. R. Pace,	Oxford, "

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Missions,	W. R. Cullom.
Home Missions,	R. H. Marsh.
State Missions,	J. A. Beam.
Education,	W. B. Morton.
Periodicals,	T. H. Street.
Sunday School,	G. T. Watkins.
Ministerial Relief,	P. H. Fontaine.
Family Prayers,	J. H. Gordon.
Temperance,	M. A. Adams.
Orphanage,	J. S. Hardaway.

* Absent.

MINUTES.

MORIAH, N. C., July 16, 1901.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and eighth annual session with Bethany Baptist Church, Moriah, N. C. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va. Subject: "Some Secrets in Religion."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. A. Stradley, Moderator of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. R. Harris. Special prayer was offered by J. S. Hardaway in behalf of Bro. J. H. Copley. Roll of churches called and list delegates read.

AMIS CHAPEL—0.
ANTIOCH—W. A. Barton, Jr., J. H. Rogers, C. H. Tapp.
BETHEL—J. C. Jones.
BETHANY—R. J. Day, A. J. Tilley, D. C. Cozart.
CONCORD—Leo Lyon.
CORINTH—0.
CREEDMOOR—J. L. Peed.
ENON—J. M. Phipps, H. Hester, D. C. Frazier.
FELLOWSHIP—0.
FLAT RIVER UNION—C. Tilly, Joseph Veazy, Frank Kelly.
FLORENCE AVENUE—J. S. Winfree.
GRASSY CREEK—C. B. Wilkerson.
HESTERS—L. F. Currin, J. B. Pruitt.
ISLAND CREEK—W. G. Sneed.

Mt. Zion—Sol O'Briant, B. D. Howard, E. B. Meadows.
Mill Creek—T. H. Street, Wm. Wrenn.
Mountain Creek—R. W. Wilkerson,
Mt. Harmony—J. N. O'Briant, S. D. Frazier, F. H. Jones.
Oxford—J. F. Meadows, E. K. Howard, T. G. Currin.
Olive Branch—J. P. Stovall.
Olive Grove—E. E. Chappel, Bryant Keith.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Hester.
Peace Chapel—D. G. Brummit J. L. Latta.
Providence—J. N. Chambers, H. W. Buchanan.
Poplar Creek—P. C. Parham, Henry Critcher.
Rock Spring—J. T. Bowling.
Roxboro—J. H. Carver, J. A. Noell, W. A. Bradsher.
Stovall—L. D. Veazy, R. H. Butler.
Sharon—J. C. O'Briant, H. G. McFarland.
Snow Hill—J. E. Montague.
State Line—B. T. Frazier.
Tally Ho—C. H. Piper, G. W. Stem.

The Association then went into election of its officers, which resulted in the re-election J. A. Stradley Moderator, J. C. Howard Clerk and J. A. Noell Treasurer. The Moderator appointed J. S. Hardaway, T. H. Street and G. T. Watkins as Committee on order of business. J. W. Cobb representing the Biblical Recorder was welcomed to the Association. W. R. Cullom spoke briefly in behalf of Wake Forest College. W. B. Morton made report for the Committee appointed at the last Association to adjust the difficulty in Corinth church. Report received, and thanks returned to the Committee for adjusting said difficulty.

Committee on order of business reports.

Tuesday,	2:45 P. M.	Periodicals.
"	3:30 "	Temperance.
"	4:00 "	Family Prayer.
Wednesday,	9:30 A. M.	Devetional Exercises.
"	10:00 "	Home Missions.
"	11:00 "	State Missions.
"	12:00 "	Ministers Relief Board.

Adjourn 1 P. M. to 2 P. M.

Wednesday, 2 to 3:00 P. M. Education.

" 3 " 4:00 " 20th Century movement on Education.

" 4 " 5:00 " State of the church.

Thursday, 9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises.

" 10 to 11:00 A. M. Foreign Missions.

" 11 " 11:45 " Sunday School.

" 11:45 to 12:30 P. M. Orphanage.

" 12:30 to adjournment Miscellaneous business.

The Moderator appointed R. H. Marsh and the Deacons of Bethany church viz: W. A. Malone, J. R. Day, A. B. Tilley and James Copley, as a committee on Religious Exercises. R. H. Marsh reported immediately that E. R. Harris would preach at the stand at once, and Wednesday at 11 o'clock, W. R. Cullom will conduct the exercises at the stand.

W. B. Morton read the following as

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The greatest appointed means of spreading the good tidings of salvation through Christ is preaching. And this, nothing, can supersede. Hence the wisdom of our fathers in giving first importance to an educated ministry, seeing as they did that preaching must always be a necessity, and good preaching a mighty power.

Next to this is the religious periodical. Printing has become a great and powerful agency for good; and Christians should employ it, with the utmost diligence and in every possible way for the spread of truth.

We are highly favored in having as our denominational organ the BIBLICAL RECORDER—a paper "devoted to Bible religion, education, literature and general intelligence"—a paper which has perhaps done more to influence the life and shape the character and destiny of North Carolina Baptists than any other agency or single institution among us save that of the living ministry.

Another paper which is fast and worthy finding a permanent place in our homes and hearts, and which is destined to become a great power for pure and undefiled religion is CHARITY AND CHILDREN.

The Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field are in their respective spheres doing great good, and we urge the importance of our peple taking and reading these and such

other religious periodicals as they may find most helpful to the furtherance of the kingdom of our Lord.

Printing can never take the place of the living word, but it can be used powerfully as the pastor's friend and assistant, and should be so employed.

W. B. MORTON, Com.

After discussion by W. B. Morton, J. W. Cobb, R. H. Marsh and B. D. Howard, the report was adopted.

T. H. Street read the following as

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

So much having been written and spoken on the subject we are fearful a large proportion of our membership has become indifferent as to reports and speeches, when at the same time use of intoxicants is making serious inroads into our ranks.

We believe excessive use of stimulants together with the moderate use of same is proving one of the greatest hindrances to Christian growth and of speedily bringing the world to Christ.

Therefore we recommend to our churches moral, rigid and prompt discipline upon all offending members. And we futher recommend the report being given a more prominent place in the order of business and thereby encourage a thorough discussion and a firmer stand, more in accord with the Bible.

T. H. STREET, Com.

After discussion by T. H. Street and J. A. Beam, time expired. On motion, time is extended for further discussion by P. H. Fontaine and J. A. Stradley, Report adopted.

E. Y. Pool read the following as

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

That child is to be pitied who has reached the years of accountability and has never heard his father or mother pray. Family prayer is essential to Christian development. It trains each member of that home to a daily dependence upon God, as well as to thankfulnesss to Him for the blessings of life.

We deem it the duty of every Christian who is held responsible for the home, to daily, in his home, with his family, devote some time to the service of God.

My experience teaches me that those people who have family prayers, are the most useful in every department of Christian work in the church, as well as the most influential in their community. E. Y. POOL, Com.

The above report was discussed by E. Y. Pool, P. C. Par-

ham, G. T. Watkins, J. S Hardaway, R. H. Marsh, J. A. Beam, W. B. Morton and J. A. Stradley, then adopted.

On motion a committee, consisiting of T. H. Street, P. H. Fontaine and B. D. Howard is appointed to make a report on the State of the Churches.

J. S. Hardaway, W. B. Morton and Pervis Tilly are appointed to digest Church Letters.. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by E. Y. Pool. Among the visitors were welcomed brethren Livingston Johnson, Cor. Sec. of the State Mis. Board; J. W. Bailey, Editor of the Recorder; Jno. E. Ray, Sup't of the Deaf and Blind Institute, Raleigh, N. C.; T. Neil Johnson, Sunday School Field Sec., Raleigh, N. C., and O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. Beam read the following as

HOME MISSION REPORT.

In all our history, we have never heard such urgent calls for the gospel as now comes through the Home Mission Board from Porto Rico, Cuba our western frontiers, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, our mountain regions and our colored people. Surely mortals never had a grander opportunity than the Southern Baptists have today of possessing these fields for Christ. Foreigners are thronging our shores; northerners are pouring into our Southland; capital is seeking a home with us; factories are springing up at an unheard of rate; our rich mines astonish the world; our great oil wells seemed destined to run our trains as well as furnish light for millions; indeed no prophet can approximate the wonderful material progress of the South for even the next 20 years. With all this increase of population and material growth our responsibilities and opportunities are proportionately multiplied. More missionaries must be put in the field. The number already sent out by the Boards is only the earnest of what must follow if we would save the millions for Christ, and for the Baptists.

Every dollar invested in Home Missions bring large returns. Thirty years ago Dallas, Texas, was a frontier town. Today the First Baptist Church of Dallas gives more to Missions alone, than the combined contributions of all the 35 churches of the Flat River Association to every object. Our hearts have been greatly moved by the sad death of our efficient and greatly beloved secretary, Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, and we pray and

believe that God will raise up a man to carry on this great work for the glory of His name.

J. A. BEAM, Com.

Discussed by J. A. Beam and John E. Ray then adopted.

P. H. Fontaine read the following as

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

According to the minute of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for 1900 the statistics of State Missions are as follows: Missionaries 97; sermons preached 7,543; churches supplied 595; out stations supplied 378; persons and families religiously visited 16,179; baptized 981; added by letter 675; protracted meetings held 255; professed conversions 1,501; houses of worship building 23; finished during 1900 8; assisted in the organization of churches 13; Bibles and Testaments distributed 959; tracts distributed 21,727; receipts $18,813.18; disbursements $18,317.31; balance on hand $495.87.

The Board is trying to raise $25,000 for this year.

At the last meeting of this Association the churches reported $626.05 for State Missions. We recommend that this Association increase its contributions to State Missions at least twenty five per cent.

P. H. FONTAINE, Com.

Discussed by P. H. Fontaine and Livingston Johnson. Time extended 30 minutes for further discussion by Livingston Johnson. After special prayer by J. S. Hardaway for State Missions, the report was adopted.

On motion of R. H. Marsh, a committee of three is appointed to nominate a committee of five in the Association to be known as a committee on Missions

R. H. Marsh offered the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board is located in Durham, N. C., and is composed of nine members, who are elected by the State Convention annually. The object of this Board is to aid in the support of aged and disabled Baptist ministers and their families. Its revenue is derived from the voluntary contributions of individuals and churches. The constitution under which the Board acts requires that one-third of all the money received shall be invested as a permament interest-bearing fund, and the remaining two-thirds, with the accrued interest on the invested fund, shall be distributed, at the discretion of the Board, according to the needs of the beneficiaries. All applications for aid must be endorsed by the Moderator

and Executive Committee of the Association to which the applicant may belong. During the past year twenty-two worthy beneficiaries were aided at an average cost of $50 for the year. This amount is less than was needed for the necessities of life, and in some cases was the only means of support. The amount of interest-bearing fund is now about $3,000 leaving something like $900 to be raised by contribution. Of this we paid $25.96 last year. The Bible rule for ministerial support is: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." By "living" is meant a support while the laborer lives, and not victuals and clothes while in actual service. More than a "llving" cannot be demanded, but the exact kind of living, not being designated, is left to the enlightened Christian conscience. Generally preachers are supported by "gifts" and not according to their services, and so they live from "hand to mouth," on a salary that does not exceed the amount demanded by the actual necessities of life. When the spirit of liberality does prevail the "unmuzzled ox" has a good living, but usually he lives upon it all, and there is no provision made for old age; loss of time incident to changes in work, or disability. "The labourer is worthy of his reward," but his "hire" is practically determined by his poverty and not by his worth as a wage-earner. Some how God calls men to preach, and aptness to make money does not enter into qualification; so it often happens when old age or the day of adversity comes maney of our most useful and most consecrated ministers, find themselves thrust upon the cold charity of the world.

Some preachers seek protection against such necessity by resort to life insurance or supplementary secular work, while others "give themselves wholly" to the ministry. Ministerial Relief is a kind of Providential endowment for those who are unable to obtain and carry insurance, and who solely lean upon His word.

The State cares for its poor, but poor saints are given as a precious legacy to the churches for support. A worthy Baptist in a poor house is repudiation of Christ's authority and a shame on the church. Poor ministers, who are made such by the nature of their service and calling are worthy of the privilege of gleaning among the churches and of having an extra handfull left on purpose for their benefit.

Individual churches that may hold in their membership disabled preachers, usually are charged with the duty of taking care of their pastors, and the additional responsibility of a worn out preacher might be considered a double tax. Preachers belong in service to the churches, and in all honesty and

fair dealing, should be supported by those in whose service they became disabled. The man who grows old or becomes disabled in any service is considered by those served as worthy of a life pension. The children of light ought to be as wise and as benevolent as the children of this world.

The growing demand of the churches for strong and able young men is an additional reason and necessity for the care on the part of the churches of the prematurely aged and infirm. Where the dead line is drawn by the churches there ought charity to begin.

For these reasons we are glad to note an increased and growing interest among our churches in behalf of this noble charity, and commend the same to the full sympathy and support of all the churches. Respectfully submitted

R. H. MARSH.

Report adopted without discussion.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported L. Johnson to preach at the stand in the afternoon of the second day. Adjournment.

A committee composed of W. B. Morton, R. H. Marsh, E. Y. Pool and J. S. Hardaway is appointed on obituaries.

Sol O'Briant, C. H. Piper and L. R. Veazy are appointed on a committee to arrange the Time, Place and Preacher for the next meeting of this Association.

J. S. Hardaway, E. A. Howard, Sol O'Bryant, B. F. Dean and A. C. Parham were nominated as the committee on Missions.

J. W. Bailey offered the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Christianity is the mother of true education. Its purpose is to increase in the minds of the people the knowledge of God. To know God as Father and Jesus Christ His Son is Eternal Life.

As Baptists we stand for all that Christianity stands for; and, therefore, it is our duty to encourage education; and not only so, but since many are unable to educate themselves, and since there are both true and false ideals of education, it is our duty to provide for the education of those who are unable to provide for themselves, and also to provide the right kind of education.

Education is, however, a parental obligation. The churches must urge fathers and mothers to educate their children, therefore,

Since in the free schools lies the only hope of elementary education for nine-tenths of the children, we urge the improvement of these schools and we would advise all who cannot do better to send their children to them.

And in view of the fact that the State cannot provide Christian Education in the fulness that the absolutely Christian bodies do, and in view of the fact that the free schools are not adequately provided for; and in view of the fact that the State's policy in higher education is hurtful to the Christian Colleges and therefore to the Christian bodies, we would that the State did devote all the educational funds whatever to the free schools.

We commend heartily to our people the institutions of our denomination, Wake Forest College and the Baptist Female University. We also commend the Oxford Seminary, whose good work is so well known; and likewise the Bethel Hill Institute, whose usefulness needs not to be proved.

We also commend to our people the work of the Board of Education in aiding indigent young ministers.

After discussion by W. R. Cullom, J. A. Beam and W. B. Morton, the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourns to the stand, where G. T. Watkins read the

REPORT ON THE 20TH CENTURY EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

At the session of the Baptist State Convention held with 1st Church in Raleigh last December, it was agreed to raise, during the present year, the sum of $100,000. Which sum is to be used in paying off the indebtedness of the Female University and for the endowment of Wake Forest College, Chowan Baptist Female Institute and Mars Hill College and others. The prosecution of this work was placed in the hands of a Central Committee, to be aided by Associational Executive and local Committees. The Central Committee met and divided this proposed sum to be raised between the different Associations of the State. The sum asked of the Flat River is $2000.00. The Executive Committee of this Association has met and made the apportionment between the churches, which is as follows, on a basis of about 50 cents a member:

Amis Chapel $70.00; Antioch $50.00; Bethel Hill $100.00; Bethany $30.00; Concord $50.00; Corinth $50.00; Creedmoor $6.00; Enon $70.00; Fellowship $60.00; Flat River Union $68.00; Florence Avenue $30.00; Grassy Creek $100.00; Hesters $90.00; Island Creek $100.00; Mill Creek $125.00; Moun-

tain Creek $115.00; Mt. Harmony $20.00; Mt. Zion $95.00; New Light $50.00; Olive Branch $54.00; Olive Grove $25.00; Oxford $500.00; Peace Chapel $45.00; Pleasant Grove $45.00; Poplar Creek $60.00; Providence $40.00; Rock Spring $50.00; Sharon $30.00; Snow Hill $20.00; State Line $60.00; Stovall $80.00; Tally Ho $100.00; Roxboro $250.00.

Now we wish to lay upon the hearts of the churches, the pastors, the local committee, yea upon the individual members this great work. We have a membership of 4141 in the Association. To raise this two thousand dollars will require not quite fifty cents per capita. Surely this work need discourage no one, but on the other hand be a stimulus to us to do greater deeds for God. Your Committee recommends this great movement to each member as worthy of your study, prayer and gifts. With faith in God's promises, the movement before us, the churches of this Association, we offer the following resolution. Whereas, the Flat River Association is in hearty accord with the movement inaugurated by the Baptist State Convention to raise $100000. this year, as a memorial of God's blessing upon us in the last hundred years; and whereas, we approve of the appropriation of that fund to our institutions of learning, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend to our churches this movement, and we entreat them to organize for this purpose and to make a canvass of their membership for contributions.

Submitted, G. T. WATKINS.

The above report being ably discussed by J. W. Bailey and O. L. Stringfield, it was unanimously adopted.

Report on the State of the Churches postponed until Thursday morning. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. H. Gordon.

Minutes of the previous day's session read and approved.

On motion the Clerk is instructed to enroll in the minutes only the names of the delegates that have been or are now present at this meeting of the Association.

On motion an Executive Committee for the Association is appointed, composed of F. W. Hancock, A. F. Smith, and J. M. Phipps.

The Association adopted the following Resolution which was offered by W. R. Cullom:

RESOLVED, That the Central Committee on the Century

movement be requested to preserve the name of each giver to this movement, and that such names be buried behind a memorial stone placed at a suitable place at Wake Forest College and at the Baptist Female University.

On motion the Report on the State of the Churches and Digest of Church Letters are allowed to be read together, and were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We are only able to make an incomplete record for want of time to get proper statistics. However for the past ten years, we find from the Minutes, that our contributions have been about the same, when our watchword should have been advance, and if agencies could be put in force to reach a majority of our members, contributions would be doubled. Our present per capita contributions are small, very small. We believe an Associational Missionary Colporter, and Fifth Sunday Meetings would be a great stimulus to advance.

T. H. STREET.

J. S. Hardaway offered the following, for the Committee as

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

STATISTICS—Baptized 278; Received by Letter 145; Restored 40. Total added 463. Dismissed by Letter 165; Excluded 63; Died 48. Total lost 276. Total membership 4,345. Net gain 187.

CONTRIBUTIONS—Minute Fund $36.57; Foreign Missions $327 22; Home Missions $246 12; State Missions $270 41; Sunday School Missions $1 35; Orphanage $215 78; Ministerial Education $135 45; Ministers Relief Board $32 96; Other Objects $193 60. Total $1456 96.

CHURCH EXPENSES—Pastor's Salary $4800 00; Incidental Expenses $545 27; Poor Fund $54 11; Repairs $297 44; For Houses of Worship $2666 00; Other Objects $277 27. Sum total Church Expenses $8639 09.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS—Foreign Missions $69.84; Home Missions $7.04; State Missions $19.96; Orphanage $105.41.. Total contributed $202.25.

NOTES—7 report no schools. 7 Sunday Schools give to Orphanage. 4 to Foreign Missions. 3 to State Missions. 1 to Home Missions. 3 churches have given to Gospel Missions $236.71.

W. B. MORTON,
J. S. HARDAWAY,
A. J. TILLY,
Committee.

Discussed by J. S. Hardaway and G. T. Watkins. On motion, all time remaining, except thirty minutes is devoted to this discussion.

Jno. S. Hardaway read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Every well regulated church must have a Sunday School. In a well regulated church, the Sunday School should have as many members as the church. The whole church should be at work in the Sunday School.

We have in the Flat River Association thirty three churches —of these there are seven that have no Sunday School. These seven churches will average a membership of about 75.

The other twenty six churches have Sunday Schools. While the Association claims a membership of 4141, the churches have in their Sunday Schools only 1875.

Only twelve of our thirty three churches are reported as contributing to Missions and other objects of benevolence through their Sunday Schools. This is a great pity, and a significant fact.

A study of the Sunday School statistics of the Flat River Association will show that our Association is far behind in Sunday School work.

Our needs.

1. There is an imperative need of an awakening in the churches to a sense of the importance of this great work. A church with three fourths of its members indifferent to the Sunday School is a very lukewarm church.

2. We MUST strongly organize and regularly conduct Sunday School Institutes. It would be well for our Association to employ a man for twelve months to do this work, and to circulate Baptist books and tracts.

3. We MUST raise the standard of TEACHING in our Sunday Schools.

4. The churches should defray all the expenses of the Sunday School, and the Sunday Schools should contribute to our benevolent and missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. HARDAWAY, Com.

Discussion of the last three mentioned reports continued by P. C. Parham, J. A. Beam, W. R. Cullom, E. Y. Pool, R. H. Marsh and T. Neal Johnson. On motion the report is adopted by amending as follows: A Committee be appointed to find what amount the pastors can raise, and a Missionary be ap-

pointed. R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and P. H. Fontaine appointed on this Committee.

G. T. Watkins read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our hearts rejoice to know that in this the first year of the 20th Century we can present such an encouraging report from our Foreign work.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE:—No department of our denominational work has made more progress in finance in the closing decade of the 19th Century than that of Foreign Missions. During the last three years of that decade our contributions to that Board were nearly doubled—marvelous progress indeed. The wave of enthusiasm created at Louisville in '98 proved not to be a spasmodic bubble, but the great heaving of waters stirred from the bottom. If for the present decade we can continue this spirit of advancement, we will be spending in 1910 not much less than one half million of dollars for the evangelization of pagan and papal lands. Let us lift the old Flat River back to the place she occupied in Foreign Missions in North Carolina in the eighties.

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED:—God very signally came to the rescue of his people, the very year they made the advance. In 1898 there were on the Foreign field 845 baptisms. In 1899 they increased to 1341. Surely there is reason for greater faith in God's promises, and a greater call to the work. Our stations are being better manned and thereby better able to prosecute the work with success. Our native preachers are being better trained for their work and are proving to be towers of strength to the brethren. The Bible women are better prepared, the schools better equipped and the churches are being well grounded in the faith. God be praised for the work of our brethren and sisters on the fields.

THE OUTLOOK:—Surely God is making bare his right arm in defense of His Gospel throughout the entire world. From all the fields come encouraging words. Our Missionaries are in the brightest spirits even in disturbed China. Bro. Chambers writes, "A new day is dawning for China." Dr. Bryan writes, "The outlook for Missions were never brighter." Bro. Lawton writes, "China for Christ". At the beginning of the 19th Century the churches were begging the world to let them give it the Gospel. The beginning of the 20th Century finds the world begging the churches to give it the Gospel. Your Committee recommends for the coming year an increase in Contributions of one hundred per cent over last year.

The above report adopted without discussion.

J. H. Gordon read the

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the condition of our Orphanage good. We have about 215 children. The Mills Memorial Building is just finished. They are now putting machinery in the shops, that the boys may labor readily. They are trying to put in some water works which the physicians say is necessary to prevent sickness. We are glad to notice the number of children has increased 43 since last year. We do most heartily recommend this worthy cause to all of our people carrying the name of Missionary Baptists.

The report adopted without discussion.

R. H. Marsh read the Obituary of T. J. Horner, which appears on another page.

On motion the clerk is instructed to wait only ten days for the remaining obituaries from the other Committeemen. Treasurer's report made by the clerk inserted on another page.

J. H. Gordon made some remarks in regard to the needs of Snow Hill Church. W. R. Cullom made a few similar remarks about Creedmoor Church.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next meeting reported as follows: We recommend that this Association hold its next meeting Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July 1902 with Fellowship Baptist Church, and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. E. Y. Pool, Bethel Hill, N. C. Alternate J. H. Gordon, Averett, Va. Adopted.

SOL O'BRYANT,
L. D. VEAZY,
Committee.

For Standing Committees appointed by the Moderator, see first page.

J. S. Hardaway offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be allowed $15 00 for his services, during this session of the Association, also $1 25 to pay postage and finish paying for blank Church Letters.

Adopted.

J. H. Gordon offered a resolution which was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered

the brethren of this church and citizens of the community for their cordial hospitality shown us during this meeting.

On motion the advertising matter is left with Clerk, and if there be a surplus after paying for the Minutes, he be allowed $5 00 for soliciting advertisements.

After prayer by G. T. Watkins the congregation joined in singing a hymn, then adjourned to meet at Time and Place mentioned before.

J. A. STRADLEY, MODERATOR.
J. C. HOWARD, CLERK.

OBITUARIES.

LAMBERTH.—In the county of Rockingham, and two miles from the town of Reidsville, Joseph Henry Lamberth was born June 4, 1854.

Left an orphan at a tender age he spent the last of his childhood and early youth in the home of his aged grandmother, Mrs. Pritchett, where his uncle, Mr. William Pritchett, taught him to work on the farm. He joined the Reidsville Baptist church and was baptized by Rev. P. H. Fontaine who was for ten years his pastor, and whom he always considered his father in the ministry. Bro. Lamberth was eighteen years old when he professed conversion. Not long after his profession of religion he was impressed with the thought that God wanted him to preach. After advising with experienced ministers as to what constitutes a call to preach, and after much deliberation and earnest prayer he decided to give himself wholly to the gospel ministry.

His early education was confined to an irregular attendance upon the public schools. He was twenty-four years old when he went to college. He spent four years, 1879-1883, at Wake Forest. In the fall of '83 he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where in May, '85, he graduated in the full English course.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Wake Forest College, June '84, and entered the pastorate in the fall of '85, his field consisting of Roxboro, Ephesus, Clement and Lea Bethel. During his eight years pastorate in Roxboro he preached at Antioch and Mill Creek also. He then accepted a call to Greenville, where he spent two years. Then at Mt. Airy two years. At the time of his last illness he was pastor at Lexington, Leaksville, and Ephesus; but realizing his inability to do the work of a pastor, he resigned Lexington and Leaksville in April. This cost him a great effort.

At the time of his death he was pastor of only one church—Ephesus.

As pastor, preacher and evangelist his life was abundantly fruitful, and he has left most substantial tokens of an honest and acceptable service. His methods of church work were unique. His sermons were long, and he collected his own salary. He loved the church. He believed that it was the divinely appointed agency for the salvation of sinners, and for the moral uplifting of humanity; that it was charged with the duty of caring for the poor and needy. His death is a serious bereavement to the large circle of his friends.

He came to Roxboro, April 3, to rest. April 9, in the new Baptist church here, he preached, from John 3 :3, his last sermon. It was fitting that he should close his ministry here where fourteen years ago he commenced it.

When the summons came he was ready. He died without a struggle—it was a closing of the eyes in sleep—on Sunday morning, May 28, 1899.

In accordance with his own request his body was carried to Reidsville, where the funeral was conducted by Rev. F. H Jones, Dr. H. A. Brown and others, and then laid to rest beside that of his brother, until the morn of the resurrection, when we hope to meet him in that rest that remaineth to the people of God.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

W. B. MORTON.

HORNER:—Rev. Thomas Jefferson Horner was a native of Granville County, and died at Henherson, N. C July 4, 1900, aged 77 years. He was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Zion church May 4, 1850 by Rev. James King. He entered the ministry in 1859, and for a quarter of a century was an honored leader in the Lord's work. He preached at Mt. Zion 22 years, and also served most acceptably Bethel, Tally Ho, Bethany, Tabb's Creek, Rock Spring and State Line. By his long ministry, faithful work, blameless life and wise counsel, he won for himself a good name and a high degree of efficiency. He was also remarkably successful as an educator at Bethel Hill, Tally Ho, Oxford and Henderson. He lived and labored in the day of the greatest prosperity of our Association as one of the leading spirits.

MONTAGUE:—Rev. Edwin Jordan Montague was born Oct.

31, 1832, in Granville County, N. C. He was educated in the common schools and Mt. Energy Academy. He joined the Missionary Baptist church at Corinth, Granville County, in 1854. Taught school and studied the Bible from 1855 to 1867. He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry Nov. 17, 1867, by the Baptist church at Tally Ho, N. C. The presbytery was composed of Elders W. H. Jordan, T. J. Horner and James P. Montague. From that time until his death he was a faithful minister and a consecrated Christian. He was pastor of Aarons Creek and North Fork churches in Va., and Mt. Harmony, Providence Antioch and Snow Hill churches in Person County, N. C. He was pastor of Snow Hill at his death.

He married Dec. 5, 1869, Sarah V. Allen, and to them were born five daughters and one son.

He died Aug. 23, 1899, after a useful and devoted Christian life. He was a kind and faithful husband and a true and loving father. "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

E. Y. Pool, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amt. received,		$226 33	
" " "	for ad. in minutes,	9 00	
By amt. pd. S. H. Averett, Treas. Orphanage,			$ 36 10
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" " "	for printing minutes,		26 30
		$235 33	$235 33

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. NOELL, Treas.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	Charities.	Minute Fund.	Educati'n	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$26 00	$.....	$ 1 50	$.....	$ 16 25	$ 5 32	$ 10 00	$18 43	$.....	$.....	$ 227 50
Antioch	125 00	5 00	.....	1 55	.....	5 00	3 43	3 43	.....	.....	.....	143 41
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 60	7 35	3 40	4 00	2 21	1 60	6 50	24 66
Bethel	150 00	12 00	.....	2 09	116 00	18 00	10 00	5 62	43 40	3 00	75 38	590 96
Concord	120 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 10	2 35	3 00	2 61	.....	1 55	132 61
Corinth	100 00	22 70	2 00	1 10	.....	.....	.....	3 45	3 78	.....	.....	130 32
Creedmoor	75 00	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 40
Enon	150 00	.....	.....	1 60	.....	9 75	12 25	16 85	21 75	6 30	.....	219 55
Fellowship	100 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	3 61	.....	.....	.....	1 00	110 61
Flat River Union	150 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	.....	.....	1 55	3 45	5 35	1 50	.....	163 85
Florence Avenue	120 00	53 42	2 68	1 00	2 00	4 00	2 50	2 50	3 50	1 00	50	190 00
Grassy Creek	150 00	13 75	.....	1 50	.....	15 04	8 50	20 00	11 48	1 35	9 40	228 77
Hesters	200 00	35 00	.....	93	1 25	7 00	4 00	4 00	10 52	3 25	6 00	271 95
Island Creek	150 00	15 00	.....	1 32	.....	11 03	4 31	9 75	2 61	.....	25 00	220 02
Mill Creek	250 00	12 00	.....	1 60	5 00	20 00	6 50	25 00	25 00	1 50	.....	346 00
Mountain Creek	150 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	24 00	12 43	8 91	.....	.....	.....	211 74
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 85	.....	.....	4 25
Mt. Zion	150 00	15 00	.....	1 11	3 60	12 05	12 30	22 61	6 68	3 40	.....	226 75
New Light	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	5 35	2 25	7 09	.....	.....	7 00	97 69
Olive Grove	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	75 00	153 00
Oxford	1000 00	214 00	10 27	3 00	.....	35 50	114 50	132 99	30 00	7 00	.....	1536 99
Peace Chapel	75 00	30 00	.....	1 00	3 00	5 00	.....	4 20	2 35	.....	5 00	123 50
Pleasant Grove	75 00	.....	15 00	1 07	.....	5 00	.....	2 50	3 00	.....	.....	86 57
Poplar Creek	150 00	18 00	.....	75	10 00	23 90	17 25	19 75	8 35	2 60	300 30	568 15
Providence	60 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	50	78	40	.....	.....	40 00	102 68
Rock Spring	.....	4 65	.....	1 00	2 00	7 00	6 75	6 00	5 61	1 87	x 4 25	38 13
Roxboro	450 00	88 80	.....	2 00	.....	7 00	* 2 50	.....	8 00	.....	756 00	1312 57
Sharon	60 00	.. ..	.....	70	.....	3 95	3 52	3 90	1 50	.....	.....	73 57
Snow Hill	50 00	.....	.....	50	.....	92	92	.....	50	.....	.....	52 84
State Line	115 00	.....	10 00	1 20	.....	2 70	2 20	2 35	3 20	1 59	8 85	142 23
Stovall	125 00	12 00	.....	1 00	.....	16 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	154 12
Tally Ho	100 00	13 37	9 57	1 00	.....	3 00	3 65	3 50	5 10	.....	.....	129 62
Slaughter Estate	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 51	.....	89 68	.....	.....	.....	244 19
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Gospel Missions—Bethel $208 11, Fellowship $12 60, Mountain Creek $16 00 —S. S. $3 41, Slaughter Estate $44 83.
x Galveston Church.
* Jacksonville, Fla., Church.
Womans Miss. Society—Mt. Zion. Foreign Mis. $9 01, Home Mis. $5 50, State Mis. $4 55. Oxford. For. Mis. $31 70, Home Mis. $37 60, Box to Home Missionary $40 00, State Mis. $16 25. Sunbeam Society For. Mis. $26 00.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING
Amis Chapel.	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, N. C.	A. E. Garner....	Push, Va.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch.....	W. B. Morton..	Roxboro, "	J. M. Denny....	Roseville, N. C.	1st " " " "
Bethany.....	J. A. Stradley.	Oxford, "	J. T. Newton....	Moriah, "	2nd " " " "
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, "	A. J. Crutchfield.	Mays, Va.	3rd " " " "
Concord.....	E. R. Harris ...	Wake Forest, "	Leo A. Lyon.....	Lyons, N. C.	2nd " " " "
Corinth.....	J. H. Gordon..	Averett, Va.	C. R. Gordon....	Oxford, "	2nd " " " "
Creedmoor...	W. R. Cullom..	Wake Forest, N. C.	S. H. Rogers....	Creedmoor, "	3rd Sun. 3 p.m., 1st Sun. 7
Enon.....	R. H. Marsh...	Oxford, "	T. J. Smith.....	Hargrove, "	4th Sun and Sat. before.
Fellowship...	J. A. Brindle...	Wake Forest, "	W. F. Adcock...	Beck, "	4th " " " "
Flat River Union	M. A. Adams...	Carey, "	M. B. Waller . .	Knapp of Reeds, "	4th " " " "
Florence Avenue	W. T Creath..	Elmo, Va.	J. S. Winfree....	Elmo, Va	3rd " " " "
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine.	Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. W. Winston..	Bullock. N. C.	4th " " " "
Hesters.....	R. H. Marsh....	Oxford, "	N. J. Puckett....	Sunset, "	2nd " " " "
Island Creek.	.....	.....	H. T. Shanks....	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek..	G. T. Watkins..	Clarksville, Va.	G. W. Walker...	Trilby, "	1st " " " "
Mountain Creek.	E. Y. Pool.. ...	Rougemont, N. C.	J. S. Eakes.....	Cornwall, "	3rd " " " "
Mt. Harmony	E. Y. Pool.....	" " "	J. K. Jones.....	Surl, "	4th " " " "
Mt. Zion... .	R. H. Marsh...	Oxford, "	Nat Jones.....	Culbreth, "	1st " " " "
New Light..	No letter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	E. Y. Pool.....	Rougemont, "	J. P. Stovall....	Big Rock, "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before
Olive Grove..	J. W. Atkinson.	Raleigh, "	J. H. Keith..	Northside "	2nd "
Oxford.	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford, "	H. M. Shaw...	Oxford, "	Twice each Sabbath.
Peace Chapel	E. R. Harris....	Wake Forest, "	W. A. Parham...	Watkins, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Neuse, "	W. H. Hester....	Hesters, "	1st " " " "
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom..	Wake Forest, "	C. P. Wright....	Carlton, "	1st " " " "
Providence ..	J H. Gordon...	Averett, Va.	J. H. Yarbrough.	Roxboro, "	3rd " " " "
Rock Spring.	J. A. Stradley..	Oxford, N. C.	J. W. Harris...	Woodworth, "	1st " " " "
Roxboro	W. B. Morton..	Roxboro, "	Jno. A. Noell....	Roxboro, "	2nd & 4th Sun. a m every p m.
Sharon.....	E. Y. Pool.....	Rougemont, "	H. G. McFarland	Berea, "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Snow Hill....	J. H. Gordon..	Averett, Va.	J. E. Montague..	Allensville, "	4th " " " "
State Line..	R. H. Marsh...	Oxford, N. C.	R. A. Norwood.	Bullock, "	3rd " " " "

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership	Gain.	Loss.
Amis Chapel	15	5	3	4	2	1	164	23	7
Antioch			3	5	1	1	97	3	7
Bethany	6	5		2	2	2	80	11	6
Bethel	24	3		8		1	229	27	9
Concord				1		1	103	1	2
Corinth	2		2	9	1	2	145	4	12
Creedmoor		4		1			18	4	1
Enon	14	6	1	8		1	161	21	9
Fellowship	7	4	2	4		1	127	13	5
Flat River Union	6	1		8	1	4	131	7	13
Florence Avenue	8	1	1	6			66	10	6
Grassy Creek	16	11	5	11	5		220	32	16
Hesters	25	9		8	7		220	34	15
Island Creek	20	2		6	3	2	221	22	11
Mill Creek	7	3	5	8	12	2	231	15	22
Mountain Creek	9	6	5	7	3	2	234	20	12
Mt. Harmony				1	1	1	47		3
Mt. Zion		4		15	3	2	170	4	20
New Light (No letter)									
Olive Branch	11	2		2	1	1	108	13	4
Olive Grove					3	1	50		4
Oxford	7	16		8	1	2	276	23	11
Peace Chapel	17	2		4	1	3	97	19	8
Pleasant Grove		2		4		2	87	2	6
Poplar Creek	1	3		4			131	4	4
Providence		3		2	7	2	69	3	11
Rock Springs	9	3	2	3	2	2	113	14	7
Roxboro	13	13		4			118	26	4
Sharon		1				2	62	1	2
Snow Hill	6	11	1	2	1		39	18	3
State Line	10	11				4	143	21	4
Stovall	16	6	1	13	1	2	156	23	16
Tally Ho	10	8	1	8	12	4	214	19	24
Total	259	145	32	166	70	48	4327	436	284

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPT'S.	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Contributions
Amis Chapel.	A. D. Frazier.....	Buchanan, N. C.	6	40	50	$ 8 65
Antioch.....	C. H. Tapp.....	Ai, "	6	60	60	.....
Bethany.....	R. J. Day.....	Moriah, "	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	A. J. Crutchfield.	Mayo, Va.	14	116	127	85 63
Concord	Oscar Coley	Lyons, N. C.	7	40	50	.....
Corinth	A. P Hobgood...	Oxford, "	6	70	48	.....
Creedmoor...	J. L Peed.....	Creedmoor, "	7	58	76	1 31
Enon.....	F. Y Currin.....	Oxford, "	8	120	68	43 18
Fellowship...	S. A. Cannady...	Beck, "	7	50	50	.....
Flat River Union	E. J. Nance.....	Stems, "	5	50	55	.....
Florence Avenue	J. S. Winfree....	Virgilina, Va.	...	60	74	10 50
Grassy Creek	J. H. Chandler..	Bullock. N. C.	8	60	63	.....
Hesters	B. F. Dean	Sunset, "	11	117	....	16 40
Island Creek.	Lonnie Evans....	Williamsboro, "	12	125	140	.....
Mill Creek..	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek, "	7	79	50	.....
Mountain Creek.	H. A. Hart.....	Cornwall, "	6	60	60	.....
Mt. Zion... .	B. D. Howard...	Oxford, "	7	100	75	28 39
Olive Branch	E. D. Jones.	Bethel Hill, "	....	....	....	.....
Oxford.	T. W Hancock...	Oxford, "	18	180	200	.....
PeaceChapel	Dennis Brummit.	Fairpost, "	5	32	35	. ...
Poplar Creek	P. C. Parham...	Oxford, "	9	50	60	23 76
Providence ..	B. L. Gravitt....	Roxboro, "	5	50	....	1 19
Rock Spring.	J S. Royster....	Woodworth, "	9	74	85	.....
Roxboro	W. A. Bradsher..	Roxboro, "	10	109	...	19 54
Sharon.....	H. G. McFarland	Centergrove "	4	25	50	.....
Snow Hill.. .	W. T. Chapell...	Allensville, "	5	50	....	.....
State Line..	T. L. Sizemore...	Soudan, Va	8	32	...	.....
Stovall.....	D. M. Stovall....	Stovall, N. C.	5	50	....	.....
Tally Ho	J. E Duncan ...	Stems, "	7	38	58	.....

CONTRIBUTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Amis Chapel: Orphanage $8 65. Bethel: For. Mis. $51 14, Orphanage $34 49. Creedmoor: Orphanage $1 31. Enon: For. Mis. $7 04, Home Mis. $7 04, State Mis $7 04, Orphanage $24 06. Mt. Zion: For. Mis. $6 37, State Mis. $10 00, Bible Fund $2 00, Orphanage $10 02. Olive Branch: Orphanage $4 54. Poplar Creek: For. Mis. $$2 92, State Mis. $2 92, Orphanage $2 92. Providence: Orphanage $1 19. Roxboro: $19 54.

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MINUTES

of the

One Hundred and Ninth Annual Session

of the

Flat River Baptist Association

Held With

Fellowship Church, July 15, 16, 17, 1902.

MODERATOR—J. A. STRADLEY . . . . . Oxford, N. C.

CLERK—J. C. HOWARD . . . . . Oxford, N. C.

TREASURER—J. H. LONG . . . . . Oxford, N. C.

Next session meets with Corinth Baptist church on Tuesday after second Sunday in July, 1903. Introductory sermon by Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be :—to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony, and union benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the department of Education, Colportage and Missions.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the constitution and laws are properly respected.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term shall report the amount received and expended.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nayes.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the constitution.

DELEGATES:

Member of Board of Missions: T. H. Street.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: R. H. Marsh.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. S. Hardaway, G. T. Watkins, J. A. Beam.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

T. H. Street, M. Blalock, J. C. Howard.

PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES:

Rev. M. A. Adams,* . . . . . Raleigh, N. C.
" J. W. Atkinson,* . . . . . Neuse, "
" J. A. Beam, ... Bethel Hill, "
" J. A. Brindell, ... Wake Forest, "
" W. R. Cullom,* . . . . . Wake Forest, "
" W. T. Creath, ... Elmo, Va.
" P. H. Fontaine,* . . . . . Bethel Hill, N. C.
" J. H. Gordon, ... Averett, Va.
" J. S. Hardaway, ... Oxford, N. C.
" J. H. Hutchinson,* . . . . . Six Forks, "
" E. R. Harris, ... Wake Forest, "
" R. H. Marsh, ... Oxford, "
" E. Y. Pool, ... Rougemont, "
" J. A. Stradley, ... Oxford, "
" G. T. Watkins, ... Clarksville, Va.
" J. R. Pace, ... Oxford, N. C.

Absent.*

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev. R. I. Devin, ... Oxford, N. C.
" J. W. Downey, ... Buchanan, "
" G. W. Green, ... China.
" T. J. Hudson, ... China.
" J. K. Humphries, ... Bethel Hill, N. C.
" R. H. Jones, ... Ai, "
" J. J. Landsell, ... Durham, "

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Foreign Missions,	J. S. Hardaway.
Home Missions,	W. R. Cullom.
State Missions,	R. H. Marsh.
Education,	P. H. Fontaine.
Periodicals,	J. A. Beam.
Sunday School,	G. T. Watkins.
Ministerial Relief,	J. R. Pace.
Family Prayers,	A. C. Parham.
Temperance,	J. A. Brindell.
Orphanage,	E. R. Harris.
State of the churches,	T. H. Street.

MINUTES.

BECK, N. C. July 15, 1902.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its one hundred and ninth annual session with Fellowship Baptist church. The introductory sermom was preached by Rev. J. H. Gordon, of Averette, Va. Subject: "Secret and Revealed Things."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association assembled in regular session with J. A. Stradley, Moderator of the previous Association in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by R. B. Walker. Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

AMIS CHAPEL—A. H. Garner.
ANTIOCH—Ira Rogers, O. Tingen.
BETHANY—J. T. Newton, J. A. Malone, M. Cash.
BETHEL—A. J. Crutchfield.
CONCORD—J. D. Clark, S. F. Coley.
CORINTH—S. H. Usry, A. P. Hobgood, C. R. Gordon.
CREEDMOOR—Dr. J. F. Sanderford.
ENON—H. T. Hobgood, J. P. Mize.
FELLOWSHIP—C. B. Lawrence, T. M. Thomasson, M. F. Adcock.
FLAT RIVER UNION—Jim Green, S. W. Waller, P. Tilley.
FLORENCE AVENUE—J. S. Pool, J S. Pool.
GRASSY CREEK—J. H. Chandler.
HESTERS—B. F. Dean, Roy Badgett.
ISLAND CREEK—No Letter.
MILL CREEK—T. H. Street.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—J. R. Hart.
MT. HARMONY—W. J. Eakes.
MT. ZION—Sol O'Briant, J. T. Daniel, M. Blalock.
NEW LIGHT—C. D. Davis, R. F. Keith, W. L. Jackson.
OLIVE BRANCH—0.
OLIVE GROVE—0.

OXFORD—J. H. Long, W. H. Harrison, F. P. Hobgood, Jr.
PEACE CHAPEL—J. C. Pittard, A. A. Latta, C. N. Grissom.
PLEASANT GROVE—H. Jones, J. R. Knight.
POPLAR CREEK—W. N. Critcher, G. W. Wright.
PROVIDENCE—
ROCK SPRING.
ROXBORO—W. A. Bradsher.
SHARON—H. G. McFarland.
SNOW HILL—
STATE LINE—J. R. Wilson, B. J. Williamson.
STOVALL—S. A. Green.
TALLY HO—S. P. Washington, P. L. Thomasson, J. E. Duncan.

The Association then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the re-election of J. A. Stradley Moderator, J. C. Howard Clerk, and the election of J. H. Long Treasurer. Among visiting brethren were welcomed, D. W. Herring, of China, J. W, Cobb, of Raleigh, L. Johnson, Correspondening Secretary for State Missons; J. W. Bailey, Editor Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh; C. V. Brooks, of Wake; W. F. Fry, of Baptist University; J. M. Arnette, of Durham; D. Vaughn, of Raleigh Association; E. L. Middleton, and Jno. E. Ray.

The Moderator appointed R. H. Marsh, J. A. Brindle and J. H. Chandler as committee on order of business. On Religious Exercises J. A. Brindle, T. M. Thomasson, and S. A. Cannady.

On motion a committee was appointed to report on the State of the churches, financially and spiritually, and the following were appointed T. H. Street, J. S. Hardaway and J. A. Beam.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At no other period in the world's history has there been so intense and wide-spread interest in education as exists to-day, not only in our own country but among the civilized nations of the earth. While the Northern States of our own country far surpass the Southern in educational facilities, and are providing even better ones, yet the Southern States seem more alive to the importance of education and are making more rapid strides educationally. Among the Southern States our own State is leading in this awakening.

There is a general movement to make more efficient the public schools of the State, to lengthen the term, improve its teaching force and build better houses. The State appropriates annually out of its treasury one million and two hundred thousand dollars. This sum in many localities is supplemented by local taxation, which is our chief reliance for improving the schools. We note with pleasure that the Northern philanthropy is at last interested in the education of the white children of the South, and though the Southern Education Board is distributing funds for building better houses and in other ways improving the public schools of its land, all recognize the public school as essential to the education of all the children of the State. Now in this movement, Baptist above all others are interested, both because we outnumber all the evangelical denominations combined, and because so many of our people are poor and unable to pay the expense of educating their children. We therefore strongly advise in every way to encourage the movement and to see to it that their children shall avail themselves of these opportunities.

And we are glad to report increased interest in higher education. The last session of the many colleges for boys and girls was prosperous beyond any other year. The facilities for higher education within the past ten years has been more than doubled. While the number of boys attending college has within ten years doubled the number of girls. Ten years ago there were about 800 of these, last year there were 1800. Among other prosperous colleges we are glad to report that our Baptist Colleges are occupying a high rank.

Let our people, one and all, join in this ownward movement, which means so much for Christ's Kingdom on earth.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

The discussion of above by F. P. Hobgood, J. W. Bailey, J. A. Beam, W. F. Fry and W. R. Cullom. On motion the time was extended for continuing same. Adopted. Application was made for membership by Knott's Grove church.

The Baptist church at Knott's Grove Granville county, sends greeting to the Flat River Association. We send to you, Brethrens S. W. Knott, J. A. Robinson and J. P. Buchanan. Who bear our application for membership in the Flat River Association. These brethren will convey to you

our credentials and will give all assurance that we are a regular Missionary Baptist church. We trust we may have admission into your body, and that we may co-operate with you in laboring for the glory of God.

Done by order of church in regular conference Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1902.

REV. J. R. PACE, MODERATOR.

W. R. BUCHANAN, CHURCH CLERK.

A committee composed of J. S. Hardaway, E. R. Harris and J. A. Beam were appointed to examine credentials of said church and by motion on approval be admitted into the Association.

REPORT ON FAMILY PRAYER.

We believe that Family Worship is one of the most elevating services that a Christian family can engage in, and the house that has never erected a family altar has certainly been deprived of one of the sweetest and most delightful worship in Christian life. Those children that have never heard their father or mother pray around the family circle are to be greatly pitied. My experience teaches me that a people who have family prayer are the most useful in every department of Christian work in the church and the most influential in their community. J. H. GORDON.

Discussed by J. H. Gordon, J. H. Chandler, A. C. Parham, A. H. Garner and F. P. Hobgood. Adopted. Report of committee, to whom was referred the application of Knott's Grove for membership, adopted and the right hand of fellowship extend to delegates.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Daily the monster evil, whiskey, is devastating our country and blighting the youths of our land while nearly all of God's people hold their peace and sit with folded hands and let the awful work go on. The whiskey men make a statement that ought to cause Christians to blush with shame when they assert that they would be unable to run without the support of the church members. Surely this is not true. but if it is, or even half correct we can safely lay the cause of the sad condition of our churches largely at the door of intemperance. Certainly a large per cent of all the church

discipline, splits and fusses in our churches can be traced either directly or indirectly to the use of stimulants.

And too the church members who tamper with this curse do not contribute to our boards, but are stumbling blocks to the cause. They are the salt that has lost its saving power and should be cast out of our churches. With all the destructive works of this evil before us, let us rise up in the might and power of our God, and rid our country of this awful curse. To this end we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That this body heartily endorse the Temperance League movement and ask our churches to co-operate with the same.

Resolved 2. That we urge our churches to have a temperance meeting at once.

Resolved 3. That we beg the members of each church in our Association to have their church incorporated at the next session of the Legislature. J. A .BEAM.

Discussed by J. A. Beam, G. T. Watkins, J. R. Pace and J. W. Bailey, the latter explaining the working of the Anti-saloon league. Adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committees on digest of church letters, G. T. Watkins, E. R. Harris, G. W. Wright.

Committee on time, place and preacher, W. H. Harrison, J. E. Duncan and M. Blalock.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. Averett. Visiting brethren, S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist, and Bro. Alderman, of Henderson, N. C., were recognized.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Baptist people ought to read Baptist literature, and as a man is largely what he reads, we cannot hope to have strong, well-rounded Christian men and women from non-reading Baptist people of our own publications and such being the case we cheerfully and emphatically recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and the Foreign Mission Journal, believing that in the three papers we have a force sufficiently strong to induce any right thinking Bap-

tist to help all of our mission boards, also the Orphanage; and further, we think no Baptist can honestly read the three periodicals without becoming a better christian.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

T. H. STREET.

Discussed by T. H. Street, J. W. Bailey, S. F. Conrad. Time extended fifteen minutes to continue the discussion. F. P. Hobgood, Sr., W. F. Fry, C. V. Brooks. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Ninety-seven missionaries, including the seventeen partially paid by the Home Mission Board, are laboring in the destitute portions of North Carolina. Last year these brethren reported 2279 converts and 980 baptisms Fourteen houses of worship were completed and 54 in course of erection. For this work L. Johnson reports $26,637.90 raised last year; also $6,000 by A. E. Brown for schools in the West. We cannot afford to raise less this year as our needs were never greater than now. Indeed, as we study the needs of State Mission work, it seems we can hear the great words of Jesus falling fresh from His lips: "Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers." The need of more laborers makes the necessity of our giving of our means toward the answering of our prayers, for certainly God has so arranged matters that prayers without alms and alms without prayers are failures—at least to the individual.

J. A. BEAM.

On motion the Association adjourns to the stand for the purpose of hearing Livingstone Johnson on State Missions. Collection is taken for same amounting to $5.82. Without further discussion the report is adopted.

W. F. Fry spoke in behalf of the Baptist Female University. J. S. Hardaway and G. T. Watkins joined in the discussion.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no need to convince any one that our orphanage work is a good work. We know that it is in fullest accord with the spirit of the Gospel.

Our churches too take hold of the work as readily, and give to it as liberally, as they do to any object brought before them. Still our minutes show that of our thirty-three churches, eight did not contribute to the orphange last year. Half of those churches are strong churches numerically. This ought not to be so.

We have a good work going on at Thomasville orphanage. Two hundred and forty children were cared for there last year.

The work is enlarging each year. Last year the Biggs building was remodeled and enlarged; the water works system completed; and steam power introduced into the Mills memorial building. A building is being erected by J. A. Durham, of Charlotte, in memory of his mother. It will cost $2,500.00 and will shelter from thirty to forty little boys. It is an open secret that several other buildings at the orphanage will be enlarged by those who originally built them

We have noticed through the papers that Mr. Dennis Simmons, one of the most liberal snpporters of the orphanage at Thomasville, left in his will about $75,000 to the orphanage. But it will be a long time before this will be available. We need to be cautioned lest such large bequests lead us to withdraw our support from the work, imagining that no more help is needed. The time will never come when the Baptist churches of North Carolina will not need to give yearly and liberally to this institution.

Let all of our Sunday schools contribute each month to the care of the orphans at Thomasville. Let "Charity and Children," the paper that represents the orphanage, be taken in all our homes; and let each church see to it that a large annual collection is sent up for the support of the work. JNO. S. HARDAWAY.

July 14, 1902.

Discussed by J. S. Hardaway, J. H. Chandler, G. T. Watkins, J. R. Pace. Adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The division of "Missions," in our work, into Home, State and Foreign, is purely a matter of convenience and and thoroughness in work. The Bible idea, "The field is the world" does not oppose a division into parts. Our

authority is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"—"Beginning at Jerusalem." The thing commanded may not be essential to discipleship—the duty is imposed on disciples as such—but the doing of the thing commanded is essential to faithful discipleship. A penitent son in disobedience and neglect may be saved, but he will suffer loss as by fire. "If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Paul in I Thess., 2:15-16 says: "And they please not God and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sin alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." Anti-missions in doctrine or practice must therefore be a fearful sin. "A wise master-builder" cannot afford to antagonize God and humanity. "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."—Acts 10:15.

State Missions is the work of a State (churches in a State) within its own borders. Home Missions extend to all States in our home land, in Cuba, among the Indians and among the negroes of the South. For this work North Carolina raised last year $5,306.24 and received from the Home Board $6,643.89 for her mountain work. This was the largest amount spent in any one of the States. Our Association paid $243.12. The number of missionaries of the board last year was 674—40 in North Carolina. Total receipts were $129,550.83. There were over 8,000 baptisms in this field. We note with pleasure an increasing interest in our Association in this department of the Lord's work, and we most heartily commend the same to the sympathy and best efforts of God's people.

Respectfully,

R. H. MARSH, Chm'n.

Discussed by R. H. Marsh and L. Johnson. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES AND DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Amis Chapel	$1.24 per capita.
Antioch	1.69 "
Bethany	.33 "
Bethel	2.75 "
Corinth	1.05 "

Concord	$ 1.21 per capita.
Creedmoor	36.40 "
Enon	2.56 "
Fellowship	1.57 "
Flat River Union	1.73 "
Florence Avenue	2.70 "
Grassy Creek	.76 "
Hesters	2.15 "
Island Creek	1.22 "
Mill Creek	1.57 "
Mountain Creek	.89 "
Mt. Harmony	.05 "
Mt. Zion	1.87 "
New Light	.87 "
Olive Branch	.90 "
Olive Grove	1.67 "
Oxford	7.23 "
Peace Chapel	1 25 "
Pleasant Grove	.07 "
Poplar Creek	2.48 "
Providence	.94 "
Rock Spring	1.43 "
Roxboro	9.94 "
Sharon	1.07 "
Snow Hill	1.26 "
State Line	1.14 "
Stovall	.93 "
Tally Ho	.81 "
Knott's Grove	1.93 "
The Association	2.02 "

	1902.	1901.	Gain.	Loss.
Education,	$ 65.35	$ 135.45	$	$70.20
State Missions,	518.15	405.02	213.03	
Home Missions,	247.69	246.67	.93	
Foreign Missions,	613.06	413.93	198.13	
Orphanage,	556 23	226.78	329.45	
Ministerial Relief,	50.22	35.96	14.26	
Other Objects,	1,587.00	1,313.73	293.27	
Memberships,	4,579	4,327	252	

Sunday schools reported, 31.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee not having any data on which to base their report, offer the following as their individual opinion as to the state of the churches:

1st. We fear that there is a low standard of piety in the churches. So far as we can learn the practice of family worship is almost extinct, and habitual reading of the word of God is in about the same condition.

2nd. The discipline of the churches we regard to be very slack. In many instances flagrant cases calling for discipline are left unnoticed.

3d. In the matter of benevolence our Association stands thirteenth in the State, whereas we once stood first; but we think that there has been a slight improvement in the last two or three years.

4th. Sunday schools. We have in our churches a total membership of four thousand two hundred and eighty-one, while in our Sunday schools we have only a total membership of both teachers and scholars of seventeen hundred and fifty-seven. This does not indicate that our Sunday school work is flourishing. Many of our most capable and competent members have no part nor lot in this matter.

5th. As to the temperance matter, we feel that there is a growing sentiment in the churches in favor of it. But there is still great room for improvement, and we still find intemperance one of the greatest hindrances to the Lord's work.

The remedy. First of all we commend as a remedy for this state of things constant and earnest prayer to God for the pouring out of His Holy Spirit upon us.

Then we would urge all of our pastors to faithful, fearless and plain preaching on all these lines; and we would call upon all of the members of the churches to stand by the pastors faithfully.

We recommend the revival of the fifth Sunday meetings; the formation of a Pastors' Conference; and the Biblical Recorder in every home, as the most potent agencies to aid in this work.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
T. H. STREET,
J. A. BEAM.

Discussed by F. P. Hobgood, R H. Marsh, J. H. Chandler, B. D, Howard, J E. Ray, S. L. Howard, Dr. J. F. Sanderford and A. C. Parham. Adjournment.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Discussion of the report on the State of the Churches continued by T. H. Street, J. A. Beam, A. H. Garner. Adopted.

Whereas, It is the sense of the Association that the Fifth Sunday Meetings are greatly needed in our churches to advance the work of the Lord among us, therefore be it resolved—

1. That a committee of two be appointed to arrange for the holding of at least two Fifth Sunday Meetings during the Associational year, excluding the fifth Sundays in December and January, and that they report to the Association at the next session on Fifth Sunday Meetings and Sunday Schools.

2. That the pastors of the Association lay the matter before the churches, urging the duty of opening the way for such meetings, and of appointing a delegate to represent them. Adopted. T. H. STREET, Com.

Bethel church invites the committee to give them the first Fifth Sunday meeting.

Owing to a mistake there was no report on Sunday schools, hence the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we consider the Sunday school work second to no work done by our churches; that we do not believe any church is living up to its duty unless it has a Sunday school; and that it should be the constant endeavor of all our pastors and churches to do the largest and best work in this line of which we are capable.

Submitted,
J. S. HARDAWAY.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We are glad to report that there has been made in our Association an excellent beginning in the woman's movement to help take the world for Christ. There are several well organized and progressive societies within our bounds. These form an earnest of what we may expect in the future. The Southern Baptist women gave last year $34,000 to evangelize the world. About the same amount was given by them in boxes to Frontier Missionaries. We wish to urge upon the ladies of this Association a prayerful consideration of this great field of work. We therefore recom-

mend the organization of a society in each church of the Association where one does not already exist. These societies to be under the control of the churches and to receive the encouragement of the churches.

Respectfully,
G. T. WATKINS.

Discussed by G. T. Watkins, J. R. Pace and J. S. Pool. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The key note of the Bible and of the gospel message is summed up in the word missions. From the very beginning of the promise in Gen. 3:15 until the king eternal issued his formal marching orders to His people in Matthew 28:19-20, God's all-embracing purpose of full and complete salvation for all man is clearly seen. Jesus summed up the whole law in two articles—love to God and love to men.—Mark 12:29-31..

The cause of missions involves the faithful collection and the judicious distribution of money. This cause also calls for more heart, more life, more men and women in our churches who can actually snffer with the Savior in His agony for the world's salvation. In so far as this work has been committed to Southern Baptists they are focalizing their efforts through the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va. From the last report of this Board we learn that last year was the most successful year of its history. Twenty new missionaries were sent out and six others have been appointed. Of the 115 missionaries at the front not one of them died last year, but all were able to push their work with energy and zeal. They report 1,439 baptisms, but of course this represents but a small part of their work. This marked advance in blessing followed directly on an advance in our giving.

The last Southern Baptist Convention sent out another order for advance all along the line. Responding to this call, North Carolina Baptists are undertaking to raise $13,000.00 for this work this year. This is but a tithe of what we might do if all our people would put their hearts and lives into God's movement for world-wide evangelization. Surely every one who loves the Savior will respond

afresh to the call for this work for which the son of God laid down his life. W. R. CULLOM, Com.

Discussed at length by G. T. Watkins and D. W. Herring, the latter being just from China. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

The constitution of the "Ministers Relief Board" requires that one-third of all the money received shall be invested as a permanent, interest-bearing fund; and the remaining two-thirds, with the interest on the invested fund, shall be distributed among the beneficiaries, according to their needs. According to the report made at the Baptist State Convention last December this Board received last year from all sources, including balance from previous year, $1,932.05. The beneficiaries, twenty-one in number, received $1,286.00. The permanet fund amounted to $3,134.58. This Association gave this Board last year $35.96. P. H. FONTAINE, Com.

Adopted without discussion.

G. T. Watkins offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services during this Association; also 50 cents to pay postage. Adopted.

We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Corinth church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1903, and that Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, N. C., preach the introductory sermon; R. B. Walker, alternate.

M. BLALOCK,
J. E. DUNCAN,
WM. H. HARRISON, } Com.

Adopted.

For standing committees appointed by the Moderator see first page.

J. S. Hardaway and F. W. Hancock are appointed as committee on Fifth Sunday meetings.

Dr. Marsh claimed all right to offer the following:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and sisters of this church and citizens of this community for their cordial hospitality shown us during this meeting. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Unfortunately the Treasurer's Report has been misplaced. All statistics contained therein can be obtained from the financial table.

J. H. LONG, Treasurer.
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Adopted.

Adjournment.

J. A. STRADLEY, Moderator.
J. C. HOWARD, Clerk.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	Charities.	Minute Fund.	Education.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total Contrib's.
Amis Chapel	$ 150 00	$ 13 50	$	$ 1 50	$	$ 10 00	$ 3 85	$ 10 00	$ 6 50	$	$ 6 00	$ 186 35
Antioch	130 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 34	7 78	5 35	11 00	6 04	2 34	2 34	169 19
Bethany	.....	7 00	.....	1 08	1 05	7 15	2 57	3 55	2 00	1 60	.....	26 00
Bethel	150 00	56 75	8 00	2 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	13 70	12 54	4 27	118 65	394 91
Concord	100 00	10 25	3 35	1 25	1 00	4 00	5 25	4 80	3 00	.....	.....	130 65
Corinth	100 00	22 65	4 07	60	.....	2 07	1 92	2 06	1 32	1 76	1 85	139 63
Creedmoor	70 00	353 33	.....	50	2 25	1 55	.....	2 43	2 75	50	129 16	582 48
Enon ‡	180 00	.....	.....	1 25	4 60	11 40	12 93	19 75	22 20	5 60	140 00	396 58
Fellowship	100 00	75 00	.....	1 00	.....	3 55	3 00	.....	8 35	.....	5 00	20 90
Flat River Union	150 00	1 19	6 00	1 00	1 36	11 75	4 80	4 62	5 38	.....	43 00	229 10
Florence Avenue	125 00	11 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	18 00	8 00	8 80	3 00	2 00	1 00	181 30
Grassy Creek	150 00	27 81	.....	2 00	.....	10 00	8 50	18 00	6 06	3 00	75 00	198 37
Hesters ‡	180 00	190 10	100 00	1 10	3 60	10 55	5 90	7 65	5 39	5 73	.....	500 02
Island Creek	150 00	70 00	6 21	1 25	2 84	13 36	5 80	14 27	10 30	.....	.....	274 03
Knott's Grove	60 00	8 23	.....	75	7 37	.....	.....	3 18	.....	.....	.....	79 53
Mill Creek *	250 00	31 67	.....	2 00	10 00	36 00	20 00	38 50	20 00	7 50	142 50	318 67
Mountain Creek	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	41 86	.....	8 05	.....	.....	56 09	204 00
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Mt. Zion ‡	150 30	49 00	12 60	1 25	5 00	32 97	13 87	30 13	16 70	3 00	77 00	179 92
New Light	40 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	48 00
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	.....	1 13	2 58	16 00	.....	2 90	.....	.....	245 00	342 61
Olive Grove	75 00	.....	.....	60	.....	50	88	.....	1 75	.....	.....	78 13
Oxford	1200 00	164 25	.....	3 00	.....	107 28	89 75	172 19	69 80	10 00	84 14	1900 41
Peace Chapel	100 00	20 00	.....	1 10	1 00	4 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	134 10
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 20	3 50	.....	50	7 20

Poplar Creek	150 00	75 00	.....	1 00	4 43	21 50	10 00	11 00	9 90	.....	12 75	298 33
Providence	60 00	.....	.....	1 00	71	70	2 78	1 76	75	24	4 55	72 49
Rock Spring	100 00	19 35	.....	.....	1 42	13 20	.....	.....	44	1 42	44 30	163 65
Roxboro	450 00	303 64	1 11	2 00	5 40	38 00	16 00	22 75	35 00	.....	263 72	1233 47
Sharon	60 00	.....	.....	70	40	.....	6 15	3 76	90	.....	5 00	76 91
Snow Hill	60 00	1 35	.....	50	25	55	1 25	77	68	.....	.....	61 35
State Line	125 00	45 00	8 38	1 00	1 35	5 45	2 00	3 76	78	1 60	.....	137 88
Stovall	125 00	12 00	10 30	1 00	1 00	3 21	1 35	7 00	9 58	.....	3 00	172 44
Tally Ho	100 00	40 08	3 96	1 50	.....	11 25	3 70	5 63	6 15	1 50	.....	177 00
Slaughter Estate * †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 50	.....	101 67	.....	.....	.....	305 00
Total	$5015 30	$1629 15	$166 48	$39 56	$65 95	$618 13	$247 60	$539 88	$271 76	$53 06	$1460 05	$9366 16

* B. F. University—$98.00; $30.00.
† Gospel Missions—$19.00; $50.83; $118.65; $56,09.
‡Hail Sufferers

Pastors, Clerks and Time of Preaching.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Amis Chapel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill..N. C.	R. E. Garner	Push ....Va.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	" " .. "	Obediah Tingen..	Ai ....N. C.	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Bethany	J. A. Stradley..	Oxford .... "	J. L. Newton	Moriah .... "	2nd Sun and Sat. before.
Bethel	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill.. "	A. J. Crutchfield.	Mayo .... Va.	3rd Sun. and Sat before.
Concord	E. R Harris	Wake Forest "	Leo Lyon	Lyon ....N. C.	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Corinth	J. H. Gordon ...	Averett .... Va.	C. R. Gordon	Oxford...R.F.D.2.	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Creedmoor	W. R. Cullom...	Wake ForestN. C.	J. L Peed	Creedmoor...N. C.	3rd Sun. and Fri night b'f're
Enon	R H. Marsh	Oxford .... "	R. M. Currin	Oxford .... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Fellowship	J. A. Brindell ...	Morrisville... "	M, F. Adcock	Creedmoor... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Flat River Union	E. R. Harris	Wake Forest "	M. B. Waller	Knap of Reeds"	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Florence Avenue	J. H. Coleman..	South Hill... Va.	J. S. Winfree	Virgilina ....Va.	2d Sun &Sat.b'f're Sun night
Grassy Creek	P. H. Fontaine	Bethel Hill...N. C.	J. W. Winston	Brownsville.N. C.	4th Sun and Sat. before
Hesters	R. H. Marsh	Oxford .... "	N. J. Puckett	Sunset .... "	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	R P. Walker....	Henderson... "	H. T Shanks	W'msboro ... "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Mill Creek	G. T. Watkins..	Roxboro .... "	G. W. Walker	Trilby .... "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Mountain Creek	A. V Joyner....	Bethel Hill... "	J S Eakes	Cornwall .... "	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Ellen	E. Durham.. "	J. K Jones	Surl .... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Mt. Zion	R. H. Marsh	Oxford .... "	Nat Jones	Culbreth .... "	1st Sun and Sat. before.
New Light	J H Hutchinson	Raleigh .... "	W. M. Bailey	Vanteen .... "	2nd Sun. and Sat before.
Olive Branch	J. R, Pace	Oxford .... "	J. P Stovall	Big Rock .... "	2nd Sun and Sat. before.
Olive Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Neuse .... "	J H Keith	Northside .... "	.....
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford .... "	H. M. Shaw	Oxford .... "	Every Sun. m'n'g and night.
Peace Chapel	E. R. Harris	Wake Forest "	D. G. Brummitt..	Oxford .... "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson	Raleigh...R.F.D.1	W. A. Hester	Hester .... "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Poplar Creek	W. R. Cullom...	Wake ForestN. C.	C. P. Wright	Carlton .... "	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Providence	J. H. Gordon...	Averett .... Va	J. H.Yarborough	Roxboro .... "	3rd Sun. and Sat before.
Rock Spring	J. R. Pace	Oxford ....N. C.	J. W. Harris	Townesville. "	1st Sun. and Sat. before
Roxboro	G, T. Watkins..	Roxboro .... "	J. A. Noell	Roxboro .... "	2nd and 4th Sun's & nights.
Sharon	J. R. Pace	Oxford .... "	H G. McFarland	Centre Grove "	4th Sun. and Sat. before.

Snow Hill	J. H. Gordon	Averett	Va.	J. E. Montague	Roxboro	"	4th Sun. and Sat. before.
State Line	J. H. Harrison	Danville	"	T. A. Royster	Bullock	"	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.
Stovall	M. A. Adams	Auburn	N. C.	E. M. Hart	Stovall	"	2nd Sun. and Sat. before.
Tally Ho	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	"	G. W. Royster	Hargrove	"	1st Sun. and Sat. before.
Knott's Grove	J. R. Pace	Oxford	"	W. R. Buchanan	Oxford	"	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.

Statistics of Churches.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
Amis Chapel	.....	10	1	6	2	2	152	1	...
Antioch	8	.....	...	.....	2	2	100	4	...
Bethany	.....	.....	...	.....	...	1	79	.....	1
Bethel	13	6	1	14	3	4	230	.....	1
Concord	2	4	...	1	...	3	108	2	...
Corinth	3	2	1	7	1	1	132	.....	4
Creedmoor	.....	1	...	6	...	...	16	.....	5
Enon	.....	6	...	17	3	...	155	.....	14
Fellowship	2	2	...	7	...	2	125	.....	5
Flat River Union	4	3	...	3	1	3	132	.....	...
Florence Avenue	.....	2	...	.....	1	...	67	1	...
Grassy Creek	15	4	...	20	4	2	207	.....	7
Hesters	17	5	1	8	1	2	232	10	...
Island Creek	6	5	...	7	...	3	224	1	...
Mill Creek	15	1	3	20	9	5	216	.....	16
Mountain Creek	7	1	3	7	...	5	227	.....	1
Mt. Harmony	.....	.....	...	.....	1	...	46	.....	1
Mt. Zion	24	.....	1	13	...	2	183	10	...
New Light	.....	.....	...	.....	...	2	55	.....	2
Olive Branch	11	2	...	2	7	1	111	4	...
Olive Grove	.....	1	...	1	...	...	49	.....	...
Oxford	.....	9	1	21	1	2	263	.....	14
Peace Chapel	6	4	...	5	...	...	107	5	...
Pleasant Grove	8	4	...	1	...	1	102	10	...
Poplar Creek	3	1	1	.....	...	1	120	4	...
Providence	7	.....	3	.....	...	...	77	10	...
Rock Spring	9	2	2	8	1	...	119	4	...
Roxboro	2	10	...	8	...	1	124	3	...
Sharon	15	1	...	1	2	...	72	13	...
Snow Hill	10	18	1	1	4	...	49	24	...
State Line	.....	5	1	1	...	1	137	4	...
Stovall	8	6	2	6	6	...	193	.....	4
Tally Ho	2	4	1	13	4	...	214	.....	10
Knott's Grove	7	.....	0	1	...	...	42	12	...
Totals	172	107	20	189	46	44	4281	100	82

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUP'TS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Contributions.
Amis Chapel	A. D. Frazier...	Buchanan....N. C.	5	40	40	$ 7 02
Antioch.....	O. Tingen.....	Ai..... "	6	67	75	6 16
Bethany.....	R. J. Day.....	Moriah..... "	3	30	24	.....
Bethel.....	A. J. Crutchfield	Mayo..... Va.	21	118	130	116 45
Concord.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth.....	A. P. Hobgood	Oxford...R.F.D.2.	8	71	36	.....
Creedmoor...	J. L. Peed.....	Creedmoor...N. C.	4	60	61	.....
Enon.....	H. Hester.....	Oxford..... "	8	65	107	4 68
Fellowship..	T.M. Thomas'n	Creedmoor... "	8	40	40	5 00
F. R. Union.	S. W. Waller,...	Knap of Reeds"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florence Ave	J S. Winfree....	Virgilina .....Va.	.....	.....	45	12 00
Grassy Creek	J. H. Chandler.	Brownsville.N. C.	6	60	50	15 00
Hesters.....	B. F. Dean.....	Sunset..... "	11	128	.....	23 85
Island Creek	J. L. Wilson....	W'msboro... "	8	125	120	.....
Mill Creek....	T. H. Street.....	Mill Creek.... "	5	80	40	.....
Mt'n Creek...	H. A. Hart.....	Cornwall..... "	5	50	50	* 5 81
Mt. Zion.....	B. D. Howard	Oxford..... "	7	85	67	28 91
Olive Branch	J. R. Hayes.....	Holloways.. "	5	29	36	.....
Oxford.....	F. W. Hancock	Oxford..... "	12	120	160	52 98
Peace Chapel	D. G, Brummitt	Oxford..... "	6	39	41	2 75
Poplar Creek	J, L. Capps.....	Carlton..... "	8	50	60	5 14
Providence..	J. H. Pentecost	Roxboro..... "	6	70	51	.....
Rock Spring	J. S. Royster...	Woodworth "	8	68	75	6 82
Roxboro.....	J. W. Noell.....	Roxboro..... "	11	134	200	87 49
Sharon.....	H. G. McFarlan	Center Grove "	4	25	35	.....
Snow Hill,...	B. F. Gentry....	Trilby..... "	5	52	53	.....
State Line...	T. S Sizemore.	Soudan..... Va.	7	28	50	1 40
Knott's G've	J. R. Buchanan	Oxford.....N. C.	42	42	48	.....
Tally Ho.....	J. E. Duncan...	Stem..... "	6	40	69	6 57
Totals...			184	1716	1833	$ 383 39

* Gospel Missions.

The Old Reliable

JOHNSON WAREHOUSE,

Oxford, N. C.

Will be run again by Z. W. Lyon for the next season upon the same business principles as heretofore, that is to say

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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

RIVES' CHAPEL, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 29—SEPTEMBER 1st, 1865.

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PROCEEDINGS.

RIVES' CHAPEL, Chatham Co., Sept. 29, 1865.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met with the Church at this place.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder N. W. Wilson, from 1st Peter, 2d, 9th.

The Association was then called to order by Elder G. W. Purefoy, Moderator; prayer by Elder A. J. Emerson.

The following Churches presented Letters which were read, and their Delegates enrolled, as follows:

Antioch—A. P. Strowd, Alvis Durham, Wm. Andrews.*

Brush Creek—W. H. Ellis, J. J. Lambert, J. A. Brooks.

Bear Creek—Elders A. J. Gilbert, D. C. Murchison, A. B. Bright.

Bethel—R. S. Andrews, A. J. Lloyd,* Ruffin Andrews.*

Cedar Falls—N. Kivitt, Eli Coble, John Pugh.*

Columbia—J. Kivitt,* J. E. Teague,* Alfonzo Ingole.

Chapel Hill—Elder G. W. Purefoy, W. G. Weaver, N. Cheek.

Cool Spring—J. G. Foushee, D. W. McIntosh, D. O. Bryan.

Crane's Creek—T. J. Johnson,* H. Rogers.

Emmaus—C. Justice, H. P. Straughan, C. Daffron.

Gum Spring—Elder J. C. Wilson, A. Lasater, G. P. Moore.

Love's Creek—D. Hackney, H. Dorsett. J. D. Dorsett.

Lystria—George Cole, William Oldham.

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*Absent.

Mineral Spring—Elder A. J. Emerson, W. P. Wren, W. J. Lambert.

May's Chapel—Dr. H. B. Marley, Wm. White, J. Tysor.

Moon's Chapel—G. C. Underwood, S. E. Teague, T. W. Mathews.

Mt. Gilead—J. W. Hackney, Wm. Griffin, J. J. Hackney.

Mt. Zion—Elder E. Crutchfield, H. Kivitt, E. G. Brothers.

Mt. Olive—Elder Levi Andrews,* P. Ellington, D. Russel.

Pleasant Grove—Elder O. Churchill,* J. Churchill,* J. Dowdy.

Pittsboro'—No representation.

Rock Spring—C. B. Poe, J. Eubanks, W. W. Dismukes.

Rocky River—Elder W. Lineberry, A. N. Lineberry, W. H. Duncan.

Sandy Creek—P. Frasier, M. D. Kivitt,* S. S. Siler.

Bethlehem—A. S. McIntosh, L. S. Warner,* L. Stutts.*

Carthage—J. P. McLamore.

Full Creek—J. A. Scott, E. C Brewer.* E. Welch.

Friendship—D. Short,* John Fields * J. G. Dowd.

Juniper Spring—Isaac Mickle, J. W. Buchanan, S. Thomas.

Mechanic's Hill—No representation.

Mt. Carmel—J. M. Cheek, R. M. Daniel, S. T. Lindsey.*

It appearing that a majority of the Churches were represented, on motion, proceeded to the election of Moderator. Elder G. W. Purefoy elected.

Invited Ministers present to seats with us; Elders R. H. Marsh, N. W. Wilson, J. B. Hardwick and A. Weaver, accepted the invitation.

Invited Correspondents from Sister Associations to seats H. M. Cates, from Beulah Association, accepted the invitation.

*Absent.

Appointed the following Committees:

To arrange the business of this Association, Elders R. H. Marsh, E. Crutchfield, A. P. Strowd, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Religious Exercises, the Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

On Finance, D. Hackney, Wm. White.

On Baptist State Convention, Elder J. B. Hardwick, J. W. Hackney, Alvis Durham.

On Temperance, Elder A. J. Emerson, R. R. Moore and Wm. Griffin.

On Periodicals, Elder A. Weaver, Dr. H. B. Marly, J. Tysor.

On Sabbath Schools, Elder R. H. Marsh, E. Crutchfield, N. Cheek.

On Education, Elders N. W. Wilson, W. Lineberry and R. S. Andrews.

On Prayer Meetings and Family Worship, Elder R. R. Moore, W. G Weaver, T W. Mathews.

On the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population, Wm. White, Elder J. B. Hardwick, E. G. Brothers.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder E. Crutchfield.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Religious exercises by Elder J. B. Hardwick.

John Hulsen, from Liberty Association, and J. F. Marsh and J. H Taylor, from Cedar Creek Association, appeared as Correspondents and were invited to seats.

The Committee of Arrangements reported; report adopted.

Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Correspondents to Sister Associations called on to report. They all failed to attend, owing to the peculiar condition of the country.

Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:

To Flat River—Elders G. W. Purefoy, R. H. Marsh and N. Cheek.

To Beulah—Elders N. W. Wilson, Levi Andrews, and A. P. Strowd.

To Cedar Creek—Elders A. J. Emerson, R. H. Marsh, A. Weaver and S. Gilmore.

To Peedee—Elders N. Richardson and P. M. Baldwin.

To Liberty—Elders E. Crutchfield, A. Weaver and E. G. Brothers.

To Central—Elder G. W. Purefoy, J. C. Wilson and O. Churchill.

To Raleigh—Elders G. W. Purefoy, J. C. Wilson, N. W. Wilson, Wm. Griffin and J. W. Hackney.

Appointed Elder A. J. Emerson to preach the Introductory Sermon at next Association, on Friday, 12 o'clock.

The Committee on the Baptist State Convention made their report, which, after interesting remarks by the Chairman and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The N. C. Baptist State Convention has been from the time of its organization, engaged in the work of Home and Foreign Missions and Education, and for several years in that of Colportage.

It is a source of regret to your Committee, that the denomination at large has never given to the Convention that support that the importance of its work demands They hope in the future that the meetings of the Convention will be more largely attended by our Ministers and lay-men, and that the time is not far distant when the Convention will resume its operations, and that its efforts may tend to develope the resources of the denomination and unite the Churches of the State in the noble work of evangelizing the State and the world. J. B. HARDWICK, Chairman.

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee report that they have learned with pleasure that Rev. J. D. Hufham contemplates at an early day to resume the publication of the RECORDER.

Resolved, That we tender our brother H. our thanks for his noble efforts to furnish us a religious newspaper.

Resolved, That we promise him such a support as our mail facilities and pecuniary means will allow.

Resolved, That we recommend all who have the ability, to subscribe for the RECORDER.

Respectfully submitted. A. WEAVER, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read, and interesting speeches were made by Elders A. J. Emerson, N. W. Wilson and others. Pending the discussion, the Association called off for dinner.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resumed business.

The unfinished business of the morning, being the report on Temperance, was taken up, and, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The Association was entertained by deeply interesting speeches by the Chairman and Elder J. B. Hardwick, after which, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that some interest in Sabbath Schools is manifested by some of the Churches, while others appear to be careless and indifferent on the subject. We would suggest a few reasons for continued efforts in this field of Christian labor:

1st. It is the duty of parents to impart religious instruction to their children. The Sabbath School is intended not to relieve but assist in the performance of this duty.

2d. The public ministration of the Word is not usually adapted to reach and affect the minds and hearts of the children; every Church, therefore, ought to supply this deficiency by a well conducted Sabbath School.

3d. May not the line of accountability be crossed before the child by proper

religious training be fitted to take up the Cross and learn to love the Lord Jesus? If so, where will the responsibility, in case of death, rest?

4th. The vast amount of good to children and teachers that has been accomplished by the use—and the harm by the neglect, of Sabbath Schools.

We would then recommend that renewed zea and energy be made on the part of all the Churches in behalf of the Sunday School cause.

R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

The Committee on Prayer Meetings, &c., read their report, which, on motion, was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee to superintend the election of Ministers to preach on Sabbath reported that A. J. Emerson, N. W. Wilson and J. B. Hardwick were elected.

SABBATH.

Elder A. J. Emerson preached at 10 o'clock to a very large and attentive congregation. Elder N. W. Wilson preached at 11 o'clock, after which a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes, amounting to $52.35. Elder J. B. Hardwick preached at 2 o'clock.

Elder A. Weaver preached in the house to the colored people in the forenoon, and Elder J. C. Wilson in the afternoon.

MONDAY MORNING, 10 O'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Hardwick.

The names of Delegates called and absentees noted.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

The Committee on Education reported; report adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee are pleased to report that the exercises of Wake Forest College have been resumed, and that we still have a school in operation at Mineral Spring, both of which deserve our sympathy and support. Something must be done for the education of soldiers' children.

N. W. WILSON, Chairman.

The Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored population reported; report adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

Your Committee do not perceive, in the change of relations heretofore existing between the whites and the blacks, any cause for discontinuing the efforts of the former for the religious improvement of the latter.

As a people, we were never responsible for the introduction of slavery into this country; nor are we now responsible for the apparent disorder that exists, or the sufferings entailed upon the blacks by being suddenly and unexpectedly thrown upon their own resources for a support at a time when the country was in a great measure destitute of provisions and clothing.

We discard the theory of those who contend that the negro is incapable of making any advancement or progress in his efforts to obtain religious knowledge. Also the theory of such as claim for him superiority or equality with the Anglo-Saxon. The middle ground is the correct one. He is a man, and as such we should endeavor to instruct and improve him. This is eminently necessary to him and advantageous to ourselves.

The negro is an accountable being. In common, with us, he possesses a depraved nature—a carnal mind. He needs the truth, as it is in Jesus to prepare him for the joys of Heaven, as well as to fit him for the duties of life.

The Divine Providence that permitted his ancestors to be made slaves, has permitted the negro of our day to be made free. As a Christian people we should bow submissively to the permissive as well as positive decrees of a wise and just God. Nor can we fail to recognise the fact, that Providence seems to have made it to the interests of these two races to inhabit the same territory for centuries. If we consider the nature of the climate, the sentiments and interests of the Northern States, their aversion to the negro race, the wants and degraded condition of those now inhabiting those States, we cannot perceive any thing to encourage the blacks to seek homes among those to whom they are indebted for their present altered condition. It appears to us more than probable, that, at least for a time, the blacks will be under the necessity of remaining among us. Accepting this as probable, to say nothing more, does it not, then, become the duty of every Christian—and is it not to the interest of every class of our people—to all branches of industry—that he be thoroughly instructed and grounded in the principles of the Christian religion? Let a man become thoroughly pious, and he will become honest in his dealings, industrious in his habits, orderly in his deportment. But if we

cast off, neglect him, he may become useless as a man and laborer, and lapse into that state of lawlessness which is as fatal to the industry as to the prosperity of a country.

Religious instruction will prevent a conflict between the two races, which can only be made harmonious by compulsion or by the influence of holding the same religion.

While it may be alleged that this is a more selfish than religious view of the subject, your Committee do not claim for it precedence over the paramount duty of Christians to preach the Gospel to every creature.

The history of our connexion with the blacks—the success of our efforts to christainize them—the thousands that are now members of our Churches, are sufficient to inspire us with the hope that their future religious history will be as bright as the past has been instructive and suggestive.

1st. Your Committee recommend that the blacks be encouraged to attend Church as heretofore, to observe the Sabbath, to collect their children for such instruction as may be imparted to them.

2d. We recommend our Ministers and people to devote as much time as they can command, to preaching for them and instructing them. Encourage them to occupy their *accustomed places* in the house of God, and to take an interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Church.

3d. While we do not feel it in our hearts to neglect and cast off our colored members, yet we recommend to Churches and Pastors, where the colored members desire it, to aid them in forming separate Churches and in procuring the services of Ministers competent to instruct them.

The above recommendations have been substantially adopted by our brethren elsewhere, and they have been productive of good, for it is a suggestive fact, that colored Churches in our large towns have not only become self-sustaining, but, in many instances, efficient and liberal in sustaining the cause of Home and Foreign Missions. W. WHITE, Chm'n.

On motion, the report on Temperance was taken from the table, and, after some slight alterations, unanimously adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee respectfu ly offer three suggestions:

1st. To be temperate in all things is the Christian's duty, "Add to knowledge temperance," says an inspired Apostle. That a man who strives to be temperate in all things, will be so in the use of ardent spirits, none can doubt.

2d. In this particular, temperance is the opposite virtue to the vice of drunkenness. And as the more a man drinks, the nearer he approaches drunkenness, so the less a man drinks the nearer he approaches temperance.

3d. Intemperance is still an evil of appalling magnitude—and the Church alone is left to oppose it. A few years ago we had allies in this cause, consisting of various Societies, numbering thousands and tens of thousands, who outstripped us in zeal, but to-day they are near y all gone. As it has been, so it probably will be. Should they spring up again, they will die out again.—The Society Christ has p anted on earth is the true opponent of this monster vice, as of all other evil. A. J. EMERSON, Chm'n.

The report on Prayer Meetings taken from the table and adopted:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Prayer is the offering of up thanks, praise, and supplications to Almighty God through Jesus Christ.

Your Committee recommend to the Ministers and brethren the importance of frequent meetings for prayer, not with the Church alone, but with families, and at other places—believing it to be the best method of calling out young gifts.

We also believe it to be the duty of Christians that are heads of families, to lead in prayer or family worship. R. R. MOORE, Chm'n.

The Committee appointed at last Association to visit Mt. Carmel Church, reported that that Church is now in a flourishing condition and is represented in this body.

Appointed the following Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: W. S. Downer, Elder A. J. Emerson, Elder J. C. Wilson, Wm. Griffin, A. P. Strowd.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Church at Moon's Chapel, to commence Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1866.

The Trustees of the Mt. Vernon Seminary made a verbal report through the Chairman, Elder W. Lineberry.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends for their hospitable entertainment during this session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next Association.

Prayer by Elder N. W. Wilson.

G. W. PUREFOY, Moderator.

E. H. STRAUGHAN, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.
											$
Antioch,	L. Andrews,	A. Durham,	Clover Garden, N. C.,	8			4	3	2	147	2 00
Brush Creek,	A. J. Emerson,	R. T. D. Foushee,	Brush Creek, "	3	1			1	2	52	1 50
Bear Creek,	A. J. Gilbert,	N. F. Phillips,	Fair Haven, "	10	2				2	177	2 00
Bethe ,	M. Andrews,	R. Andrews,	Chapel Hill, "				5	4	4	119	1 50
Cedar Fal's,	P. M. Baldwin,	T. M. Baldwin,	Cedar Falls, "	1	1			4		114	2 00
Columbia,	P. M. Baldwin,	A. J. York,	" " "	4			4	3		71	1 50
Chapel Hill,		J. R. Hutchins,	Chapel Hill, "				2	3	3	159	3 00
Cool Spring,	S. Gilmore,	D. O. Bryan,	Buffalo, "	15					1	92	3 00
Crane's Creek,		H. Rogers,	Crane's Creek, "							14	3 00
Emmaus,	J. C. Wilson,	C. Justice,	Hadley's Mil s, "	25			2			105	2 00
Gum Spring,	A. D. Blackwood,	J. S. Lasater,	Haywood, "	11		1		2	1	114	2 00
Love's Creek,	W. Lineberry,	H. Dorsett,	St. Lawrence, "						2	110	2 00
Lystria,	J. P. Mason,	J. J. Rigsbee,	Chapel Hill, "	23						83	2 00
Mineral Spring,	A. J. Emerson,	Lambert,	Goldston, "		1		1	1	2	67	90
Mays' Chapel,	S. Gilmore,	J. Tysor,	Pittsboro', "	6	1				2	145	2 00
Moon's Chapel,	A. Weaver,	T. W. Matthews,	Marley's Mills, "	17	2		3			63	1 50
Mt. Gilead,		J. W. Hackney,	Hack'y's ⋈ Roads, "							70	1 25
Mt. Zion,	W. Lineberry,	E. G. Brothers,	Patterson's Store, "							55	1 50
Mt. O ive,	S. Baldwin,	S. Lewis,	Hadley's Mills, "						1	54	1 50
Pleasant Grove,	O. Churchill,	M. T. Horton,	Grove, "					1	5	77	1 00
Rives' Chape ,	R. R. Moore,	J. R. Marsh,	Goldston, "		2		1	1	1	111	2 00
Rock Spring,	W Lineberry,	C. C. Dismukes,	Pittsboro', "	2					4	42	2 00
Rocky River.	W. Lineberry,	W. A. Duncan,	Simmon Grove, "							80	1 00

Sandy Creek,	P. M. Baldwin,	S. S. Siler,	Marley's Mills, N.C.,	12				5	3	60	1 00
Bethlehem,	N. Richardson,	H. Hansom,	Carthage, "	21				1	1	200	1 75
Carthage,	N. Richardson,	J. E. Avera,	" "	10	2				2	41	80
Juniper Spring,	C. S. Harwood,	W. S. Thames,	Longstreet, "	9						66	2 10
Fall Freek,	R. R. Moore,	J. A. Scott,	Fall Creek, "					1	1	51	1 50
Friendship,		J. C. Dowd,	Carthage, "							31	1 00
Mt. Carmel,	O. Churchill,	S. T. Lindsey,	Chapel Hill, "	12	6					58	1 00
Pittsboro',	A. J. Emerson.	J. Thompson,	Pittsboro', "							18	
				189	23	1	22	29	39	2596	$48 20

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MINUTES

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

SANDY CREEK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Moon's Chapel, Chatham Co., Oct. 5th 1866.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met with the church at this place.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Emerson, from Luke 18th and 8th.

The Association then convened, the Moderator in the chair. Religious exercises by Elder R. H. Marsh.

The churches were then called, and their delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch.—D. M. Durham, T. J. Strowd, J. R. Ward.

Brush Creek.—R. R. Paschal,* R. Lambert, S. Ellis.

Bear Creek.—Elders A. J. Gilbert, D. C. Murchison, N. Brafford.*

Bethel.—Elder M. Andrews, H. W. Lloyd, R. S. Andrews.*

Cedar Falls.—J. M. Dupree,* James Carter,* Nathan Kivett.

Columbia.—Elder P. M. Baldwin,* J. E. Teague, A. J. York.

Chapel Hill.—Elders G. W. Purefoy, N. W. Wilson, N. Cheek.

Emmaus.—E. H. Straughan, C. Daffron, H. P. Straughan.

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*Absent.

Gum Spring.—Elder J. C. Wilson,* G. P. Moore, J. S. Lasater.*

Love's Creek.—D. Hackney, W. H. Fitts, G. H. Fitts.

Lystria.—A. J. Rigsbee, George O. Cole.

Mineral Spring.—Elder A. J. Emerson, T. J. Emerson, W. J. Lambert.*

May's Chapel.—H. W. Peoples, William White,* Ruffin Jones.

Moon's Chapel.—G. C. Underwood, B F. Marley, J. P. Foushee.

Mt. Gilead.—J. W. Hackney, William Griffin, J. L. Hinton.*

Mt Zion.—Elder E. Crutchfield, H. Kivett,* D. Teague.

Mt. Olive.—Elder Levi Andrews, P. Ellington, D. Russel.

Pleasant Grove.—T. W. Womble,* M. T. Holton, J. M. Mitchell.*

Rock Spring—C. B. Poe, A. Eubanks, E. E. Dismukes.

Rocky River.—Elder Wm. Lineberry, W. A. Lineberry, W. A. Duncan,

Crane's Creek.—T. J. John on,* H. Rogers,* W. W. Thagard.*

Sandy Creek.—P. Frazer, S. Staley, M. D. Kivett.

Full Creek.—John Kid,* Joseph Purvis, G. G. Brewer.

Mechanic's Hill.—Lewis Maries, G. Davis,* L. Stubbs.*

Mt. Carmel.—Elder O. Churchill, J. S. Tilly,* R. M. Daniel.

Rives's Chapel.—Elder R. R. Moore, Elder R. H. Marsh, E. W. Webster.

Pittsboro.—Dr. Abner Holton.

Bethlehem.—Jesse Muse, W. R. McIntosh, A. Hannon.

Cool Spring.—W. B. Petty, N. S. Tysor, Elder S. Gilmore.

Juniper Spring.—Elder C. S. Harward*, C. B. McNeal,* J. Macke.*

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*Absent.

Carthage.—Elder N. Richardson,* Louis Lawhon,* L. S. Warner.

On motion, proceeded to the election of Moderator, by ballot: Elder G. W. Purefoy elected.

Invited ministers present to seats with us. Elder A. Weaver accepted the invitation.

Invited correspondents from Sister Associations: Elder W. H. Hamner and J. B. Hutson from the Liberty accepted the invitation.

On motion, appointed the following committees:

To arrange business of the Association, Elder R. H. Marsh, Elder Levi Andrews, D. Hackney, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Religious Exercises, the Pastor and Deacons of this (Moon's Chapel) Church.

On Finance, D. Hackney, William Griffin, G. C. Underwood.

On B. S. Convention, Elder A. J. Emerson, J. B. Hutson, A. J. Rigsbee.

On Temperance, Elder E. Crutchfield, J. W. Hackney, George O. Cole.

On periodicals, Elder A. Weaver, Elder W. H. Hamner, D. Teague.

On Sabbath Schools, Elder R. R. Moore, O. Churchill, Nash Cheek.

On Education, Elder R. H. Marsh, Elder D C. Murchison, Elder Manly Andrews.

On Prayer meetings and Family Worship, Elder Levi Andrews, Geo. P. Moore, R. M. Daniel.

On the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population, Elders N. W. Wilson, R. H. Marsh.

On the Relation of Pastors and Churches, Elder R. H. Marsh, H. W. Peoples, W. A. Lineberry.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder E. Crutchfield.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6.

The Association met according to adjournment, prayer by Elder Manly Andrews.

The committee of arrangement submitted the following report which was adopted and ordered to be published in the daily order of business

1st. Devotional exercises.
2nd. Read minutes of previous day.
3rd. Call the roll.
4th. Read Constitution and rules of Decorum.
5th. Invite Ministers and corresponding messengers to seats with us.
6th. Receive report of corresponding messengers to Sister Associations.
7th. Appoint corresponding messengers to Sister Associations.
8th. Appoint the usual committees.
9th. Answer queries.
10th. Motions and Resolutions.
11th. Report of Committees.
12th. Miscellaneous business.
14th. Adjourn.

On motion, appointed a committee on church letters. Elders D. C. Murchison, Thos J. Strowd and Dr A. Holton constitute said committee.

Elder J. W. Collins appeared as a corresponding messenger from the Raleigh Association.

Called on corresponding messengers to report: they all failed to attend except those appointed to the Liberty and Raleigh Associations, but rendering satisfactory excuses were excused.

Appointed correspondents to the following Associations:

To Flat River, Elders G. W. Purefoy, M. Andrews and Nash Cheek.

To Beulah, Elders N. W. Wilson, M. Andrews and H. M C. Strowd.

To Cedar Creek, Elder S. Gilmore, J. J. Gilmore, J. G. Foushee.

To Peedee, Elders P. M. Baldwin, R. H Marsh and J. E. Teague.

To Liberty, Elders A. Weaver, E. Crutchfield and D. Teague.

To Central, Elders J. C Wilson, G. W. Purefoy and T. W. Womble.

To Raleigh, Elder G. W. Purefoy, O. Churchill, J. C. Wilson, J. W. Hackney and William Griffin.

Appointed the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention, according to the request extended by the last Convention to Associations to send three delegates each, without regard to funds raised by them: T. J. Johnson, J W. Hackney, William Griffin.

The following query was received:

Is it in accordance with Bible principles to rebaptise a candidate on the ground of the previous Baptism being rendered invalid by a spurious profession.

Discussed by Elders Weaver, Hamner, Wilson, Emerson, Andrews and others, and answered in the affirmative.

Received a petition from Benjamin Gilbert a member of the Church at Pittsboro, asking advice relative to said Church, whereupon the following committee were appointed to visit the church: Elders G. W. Purefoy, William Lineberry, J. C. Wilson, R. R. Moore and Jordan Tyser and E. H. Straughan.

On motion the Association called off for an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elders N. W. Wilson, A. J. Emerson, R. H. Marsh, elected to preach on Sabbath.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Church at Mt. Olive, Chatham county, at the usual time; Elder R. H. Marsh to preach the Introductory sermon on

Friday, at 12 o'clock. Moved and carried that the custom of electing preachers by the Association to preach on Sabbath be discontinued.

The committee on Temperance presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report, after a few hours reflection on the history of the intemperance of many Baptist, in the unnecessary use of stimulants. such as, Spirituous Liquors, Tobacco, Snuff, Opium, Morphine, &c. It seems unfair to single out one of the above habits of intemperance, and let all the rest pass unnoticed.

But, as the intemperate use of ardent spirts in our judgment seems to produce the most immediate visible and sinful effect upon the excessive drinker and all over whom he has any influence, your committee would presume to comment a little on its tendency and effect, as many members of Churches are in the habit of using ardent spirits as a beverage, and can plead nothing in justification therefor but custom. They seem to have forgotten the command of God, by the apostle Paul, when he says to the Churches of his time, "abstain from every appearance of evil; whatsoever ye do, whether ye eat or drink, do all to the glory of God." We suggest that the Association advise the Churches to use all Scriptural efforts to put down and keep down the business of making, and the custom of drinking ardent spirits as a beverage. All of which is respectfully submitted

E. CRUTCHFIELD, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder N. W. Wilson.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The services were opened at 10 o'clock, by Elder A. J. Emerson, who preached from Matthew, 3d chap. 33d verse, after which a collection was taken up for the Baptist State Convention, amounting to $31,21. Elder N. W. Wilson preached at 1 o'clock from Collossians, 3d chapter 3d verse.

Elder W. H. Hamner preached at night from 2nd Corinthians 8th and 9th.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met according to adjournment.
Prayer by Elder Levi Andrews.

The committee on the Baptist State Convention made the following report which was adopted : That at the last session of that body, in May last, a change was made in the basis of representation by which each Association was invited to send three brethren as members of the Convention without reference to funds contributed.

A. J. EMERSON, Chm'n.

The Committee on the relation of pastors and Churches presented the following report which was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published :

RELATIVE DUTIES OF CHURCH AND PASTOR.

Upon a right conception and faithful discharge of the relative duties of a christian pastor and the Church of his care, depend, in no small degree, the happiness and usefulness of the one, and the prosperity and efficiency of the other. These duties are given in clear and ample detail by "holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." To the Inspired Word, then, and to that alone, must we look for counsel and direction on this, as on every other subject. Among the various duties with their relations and bearings, therein set forth, we would invite attention, first, to the duties of a pastor toward the Church committed to his care, and then, the duties of a Church to its pastor.

I.—PASTORAL DUTIES.

1. The first and great duty of a pastor is to preach the Gospel, without partiality, fear or favor, "giving to each his portion in due season." "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."

To his public ministrations are added private labors. "And I went up by revelation," says the Apostle Paul, "and communicated unto them that Gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but *privately* to them which were of reputation." Christ preaching to Nicodemus, Peter to Cornelius, Paul to the jailor and his family, and Phillip to the eunuch, are all instances of private preaching. The pastor is, therefore, to preach from house to house, in the highways and hedges, in the halls of wealth and fashion, in the hovels of the poor and neglected, in the abodes of health, and at the bed-side of the sick and dying; in a word he is to be "instant in season, out of season," "always abounding in the work of the Lord."

2. The Great Head of the Church has instituted laws for its regulation

and government, and has committed their proper enforcement into the hands of His ambassadors and requires of them an account of their stewardship.

"Remember them which have the rule (are the guides) over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God." Heb. xiii : 7. "If a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief." The pastor then must "Feed the flock of God which is among you, *taking the oversight* thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre (dishonorable gain) but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage but being ensamples to the flock"

3. To these duties the *pastor* is to give himself wholly. As an evangelist, a minister may under peculiar circumstances, be allowed to engage in an honest secular business. This is indicated in the example of Paul: "For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail; for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the Gospel of God." 1 Thes. ii : 9.

The pastor, however, except it be in *rare* and *isolated circumstances*, owes it to himself, his church and his Master, to give himself *wholly, unreservedly* and *continually* to the welfare of his people.

Paul says to Timothy, "Meditate upon these things, give thyself *wholly* to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." 1 Tim. iv : 13. "Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead; but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." Luke ix: 60.

The twelve thought it not reason to "leave the word of God, and serve tables." They had not time to attend to the "daily ministration;" no, not even to look after neglected widows. Deacons were appointed over that business. "But," said they," we will give ourselves *continually* to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Is there a pastor, under ordinary circumstances, justifiable in "burying the dead," serving tables, following the plow or in entangling himself in any other secular employment, when these things were not thought reasonable service for inspired men?

II—DUTIES OF A CHURCH TO ITS PASTOR.

1. The pastor in Eph. iv : 11, is spoken of as a heavenly gift, "for the perfecting of the saints," and ought therefore to be received, not as a fit subject for criticism, but as a messenger of God—not as a hireling for a year, but as the pastor of the church.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" "And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus." The first duty of a Church then is to receive its pastor with gratitude as a "minister of Christ, and steward of the mysteries of God."

2. The pastor, if worthy of such a name, ought to be presumed to know more "of this way" than the Church, and his instructions are entitled to respect and should be received with due meekness and submission. "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts." Mal. xxvii. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts xvii : 11.

3. The Church should respect and love its pastor. "And we beseech you, brethren, to *know* them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to *esteem them very highly in love* for their work's sake." 1 Thes. v : 12-13.

4. It is the duty of a Church to support its pastor.

1. By prayer. The apostle Paul, inspired as he was, felt the need of the prayers of the brethren. He says to the Thessalonians, "Brethren, *pray for us*, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified."

2. By sustaining his reputation. The character of a minister is in a peculiar way identified not only with the character of Christ, but with the highest interests of his cause; and cannot therefore be lightly assailed without a corresponding injury to the interests of his kingdom. For that reason the great enemy of man makes him the special object of his malice, and hurls at him his most deadly missiles. The reputation and spiritual interests of a minister are in continual jeopardy. Nothing but the grace of God can sustain the latter, whilst his reputation is, to a great degree, committed to the care of the Church; hence he charges them not to receive an accusation against an elder, "but before two or three witnesses." It is the duty then of a Church to manifest its jealousy for the reputation of one, held in such sacred esteem by the Master, by all due protection and defense against assaults and calumniations, from whatever source they may proceed.

3. By providing for his temporal wants. That this is a duty is clearly seen by the following Scriptures: "Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. ix: 14. "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" 1 Cor. ix: 7. "The laborer is worthy of his reward." In that passage of Paul's letter to the Corinthians which seems to militate against this view, this duty of the Church is unmistakably set forth in Paul's asserting it to be a *power* given him by the Gospel of requiring a support from them. He waived his right, but in no wise absolved the church from its duty. "What is my reward then?" says he. "Verily that, when I preach the Gospel, I may make the Gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my *power* in the Gospel."

But the question arises, how and to what extent are the pastor's wants to be supplied?

We suggest the following plan: "Upon the first day of the week let *every one* of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. xvi: 2. "Then the disciples, *every man* according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea." Acts xi: 29. This plan of giving or rather communicating to the pastor, *every man* according to his ability, is gracious and wise. It has respect unto the wants of the flock as well as the necessities of the pastor. One is not eased and another burdened, but all, male and female, bear their part according to their ability.

The grace of benevolence is thus cultivated, mutual love and sympathy are engendered, and the talents, piety and undivided attention of the pastor is consecrated and secured to the Church, for its edification and spiritual happiness.

The support contemplated in the Gospel is not designed to be stinted or doled out with a sparing hand, but an ample one, meeting all the wants of a prudent and economical pastor, together with all those who are dependent on his labors for support, not merely for the present, but with due and lawful reference to the exigencies of the future caused by sickness or death.

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Gal. vi: 6.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

And now in conclusion we would earnestly recommend to the Churches and Pastors a careful and prayerful revision of this whole subject, and a faithful and conscientious return to the law of Christ as clearly set before us and

beautifully exemplified in the history of the early Churches and Pastors.

R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

The committee on the religious instruction of the colored population presented the following report which was adopted:

As your Committee perceive no material change in the relation of the white and colored races during the past year, they recommend the re-adoption of the last year's report on this subject.

N. W. WILSON, Chm'n.

MONDAY EVENING, 2 O'CLOCK.

The committee on Education presented their report which was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Scriptures enjoin upon every one to "provide for his own, and especially for those of his own house;" otherwise "he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." This contemplates provision for the wants and culture of the mind, as well as the necessities of the body.

Education, therefore, ought to be classed among the duties of the Christian, and should have that prominence in household provision that it is entitled to by the superiority of the mind over the body. Much every way may be effected to afford good and healthful food to the mind, whereby it may be strengthened and improved; but one of the simplest and most successful means of feeding and expanding the mind is the school-room. We would, then, recommend a full and cordial support, to the extent of our ability, of all schools, but more especially of our denominational schools.

R. H. MARSH, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported; report adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report, that the true intent of a Sabbath School is for the training of the people, both old and young, for usefulness in society.

We are pleased to learn that about one-fourth of the Churches in the Sandy Creek Association have Sabbath Schools. And through their influence many others are in operation at various places.

R. R. MOORE, Chairman.

The report on Prayer meetings and Family worship adopted :

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS, &c.

Your Committee on prayer meetings and family prayer, beg leave to report the following ;

Prayer is the offering up of our earnest desires to Almighty God through faith in His Son: as such, we have reason to fear, that we, as Christians, neglect this duty. While some of our Churches have enjoyed gracious revivals the present year, others seem to be in a cold state; owing no doubt, to the fact that prayer meetings have been too much neglected.

We would therefore urge upon our pastors to try to get the Churches, under their charge, up to their duty in keeping up regular prayer meetings and family prayer in their families.

We think that prayer meetings would be a successful means in bringing out the talents and gifts of our Churches.

We would recommend to the Churches to adopt the Young Men's Association for prayer.

LEVI ANDREWS, Chm'n.

The committee on Periodicals presented the following report which was adopted :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report:

We feel that we cannot too strongly recommend to the Baptist, (especially of North Carolina) the BIBLICAL RECORDER. This paper, we are glad to say, was never more ably edited, better printed, or conducted with more dignity than it is done at present. And that, is due to the able and efficient Editors, to the love that we bear to the interest of our denomination, and not less to our own spiritual advancement as Christians, that this paper be sustained.

AMOS WEAVER, Chairman.

The committee of Finance reported (See Table)

D. HACKNEY, Chm'n.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Association have learned with pleasure that the Male and Female Schools at Mt. Vernon Springs are in successful operation under the care of Elders Emerson and Marsh, and that we earnestly recommend them to the patronage of our brethren and friends.

The committee on church letters reported ; report adopted:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee on Church Letters beg leave to report, that they have examined the Church Letters and while we are sorry to see so great a falling off throughout the Association, yet we feel to rejoice that so many of the letters bring us the good news of glorious revivals and we see that there has been two hundred and nine added to the Churches by baptism during the past year. Nine of the Churches have had gracious revivals and numerous

additions. Others report a deep feeling in their midst and yet others are, apparently, in a cold condition.

We therefore earnestly recommend to the delegates and ministers of this body that they cry mightily to the Great Head of the Church for a general outpouring of His Spirit throughout the bounds of this Association. Ten of the Churches have interesting Sabbath Schools and we request all others to endeavor to do likewise. D. C. MURCHISON, Chm'n.

Amended the report by requesting the Churches to send the statistics of their Sabbath Schools in their next letters.

Appointed the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention. Elder S. Gilmore, E. H. Straughan, G. P. Moore.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the friends of this vicinity for their hospitality during our session with them-

On motion, adjourned to the time and place of next Association.

Religious exercises by Elder A. Weaver.

G. W. PUREFOY, Mod'r.

E. H. Straughan, Cl'k.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.
Antioch,	N. W. Wilson,	H. M. Strowd,	White Cross,	9	2		11	6		148	$ 3 00
Brush Creek,	A. J. Emerson,	W. H. Ellis,	Brush Creek,		2		6		1	50	1 25
Bear Creek,	A. J. Gilbert,	N. F. Philips,	Fair Haven,	28	1		5	5	3	194	2 00
Bethel,	M. Andrews,	Ruffin Andrews,	Chapel Hill,	15	3		2	5	3	120	2 00
Cedar Falls,	P. M. Baldwin,	Nathan Kivett,	Franklinsville,				4	2	2	107	1 00
Columbia,	P. M. Baldwin,	A. J. York,	Franklinsville,				1	1		85	1 00
Chapel Hill,	N. W. Wilson,	P. H. McDade,	Chapel Hill,	7	4		1				
Emmaus,	J. C. Wilson,	C. Justice.	Hadley's Mills,		3		6		2	170	2 50
Gum Spring,	A. D. Blackwood,	J. S. Lasater,	Haywood,				9	3	6	83	2 00
Love's Creek,	William Lineberry,	H. Dorsett,	St. Lawrence,	15	2		2	4		123	2 00
Lystria,	J. P. Mason,	G. A. Oldham,	Ghapel Hill,				2			102	2 00
Mineral Spring,	A. J. Emerson,	W. J. Lambert.	Coldston,		5		2	4	1	104	2 50
May's Chapel,	A. J. Emerson,	Jordan Tysor,	Pittsboro,	34				2		97	2 00
Moon's Chapel,	A. J. Gilbert,	T. W. Matthews,	Marley's Mills,		2		1	2	4	124	2 00
Mt. Gilead,	Johnson Olive,	J. W. Hackney,	Hackney's X Roads,					1	2	71	2 50
Mt. Zion,	William Lineberry,	E. G. Brothers,	Patterson's Store,	27						92	1 75
Mt. Olive,	S. Baldwin,	S. Lewis,	Hadley's Mills,	2			2	1	1	46	1 50
Pleasant Grove.	J. Olive,	M. T. Horton,	Grove,					1	5	49	1 50
Rock Spring,	W. Lineberry,	R. S. Eubanks,	Pittsboro,		3		6	1		72	1 30
Rocky River,	W. Lineberry,	W. A. Duncan,	Strudwick,	2	1		2			42	1 50
Sandy Creek,	P. M, Baldwin,	S. S. Siler,	Marley's Mill,	1	3				1	32	1 00
Fall Creek,	D. C. Murchison,	J. A. Scott,	Fall Creek,	2				10		53	1 00
							3		1	59	1 50

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List of Ministers.

ENOCH CRUTCHFIELD	Troy's Store,	N. C.
DANIEL HACKNEY,	Kinsbolton,	"
S. GILMORE,	Bear Creek,	"
D. C. MURCHISON,	Gulf,	"
T. M. BALDWIN,	Franklinsville,	"
J. L. SMITH,	Energy,	"
W. H. H. LAWHON,	Carthage,	"
W. G. KING,	Osgood,	"
O. CHURCHILL,	Haywood,	"
A. D. COHEN,	Carthage,	"
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O. T. EDWARDS,	Mt. Vernon Springs,	"
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Licentiates.

S. WOMBLE,	Bear Creek,	N. C.
MANLY FORRESTER,	Mt. Vernon Springs,	"
J. A. FRAZIER,	Troy's Store,	"
ALVIS ANDREWS,		

PROCEEDINGS.

PITTSBORO, N. C.,
Sept. 28th, 1882—2 o'clock, P. M.

The 124th Annual Session of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association met with the church at this place.

By mutual consent, the Introductory Sermon was deferred until 7 o'clock this evening.

The Moderator, Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, conducted the opening exercises, reading the 27th Psalm and singing the 271st hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." After which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Elder O. T. Edwards and Bro. John T. Paschal read the church letters, and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

BRUSH CREEK—James Gilbert, H. G. Moffitt, Rob't H. Dixon.
BEAR CREEK—Elder S. Gilmore, Bro. L. R. Dixon, Elder J. W. Calder.
BETHLEHEM—Eli P. Seawell, C. B. Fry, S. M. Hannon.
BETHANY—J. M. Stinson, S. P. Moore, G. A. Murchison.
BAPTIST GROVE—
CEDAR FALLS—Geo. Leonard, E. W. Hays, M. W. Pugh.
COLUMBIA—E. L. York, C. D. York, F. W. Crutchfield.
COOL SPRING—Elder W. G. King, D. O. Bryan, J. D. Henly.
CARTHAGE—Rev. A. D. Cohen, Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, W. F. Watson.
CRANE'S CREEK—W. C. Rogers, D. S. Byrd.
DEEP CREEK—Elder S. W. Fuquay, J. T. Sears, J. L. Caddle.
EMMAUS—Elisha Dismukes, P. Ellington, C. Justice.
FALL CREEK—Jno. A. Brewer, J. A. Scott, R. W. Kidd.
FRIENDSHIP—J. R. McLemore, P. Caddle, C. J. Phillips.
FORK CREEK—
GUM SPRING—W. C. Thomas, T. J. Poe, Levi Copeland.
HICKORY MOUNTAIN—Elder D. Hackney, Wesley G. Cheek, S. P. Teague, Jr.
LOVE'S CREEK—Adolphus W. Fitts, Alex. Walters, A. B. Dark.
MAY'S CHAPEL—H. W. Peoples, W. H. Burns, Eddie Lineberry.
MOON'S CHAPEL—D. M. Vestal, M. J. Jordan, Elder O. T. Edwards.
MINERAL SPRING—W. P. Wrenn, C. C. Cheek, Rev. J. D. Hackney.
MT. ZION—
MT. OLIVE—Franklin Glosson, Gaston Love, Wm. M. Ellington.
MT. PLEASANT—Jno. Hays, Rev. M. D. Kivett, J. D. Kivett.
MECHANIC'S HILL.—J. L. Lambert, Geo. Moore.
MANLY—A. Leslie, W. C. Green, Wellington Bradshaw.
MACEDONIA—John Breedlove, Mark Penny, W. A. Kivett.
PITTSBORO—Stephen Henly, John A. Thompson, H. L. Burns.
POPLAR RIDGE—
RIVES' CHAPEL—Dr. W. D. Watson, G. W. Oliver, W. J. Dowd.
ROCK SPRING—C. Crutchfield, E. V. Straughn, R. S. Eubanks.
ROCKY RIVER—Elder J. L. Smith, J. T. Paschal, S. T. Culberson.

SANDY BRANCH—T. B. Burke, T. G. Ivey, L. M. Fields.
SANDY CREEK—Rev. M. P. Beck, C. G. Frazer, J. Williams.
TYSON'S CREEK—L. Moon, B. B. Phillips, John W. Ellis.

A majority of the churches being represented, the Association proceeded to the annual election of officers, as follows: Elder W. H. H. Lawhon, Moderator; Elder John W. Calder, Clerk; Wm. F. Foushee, Treasurer.

Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats. J. W. Hackney, from Mt. Zion, and R. T. Hamner, from Liberty, responded, and were welcomed.

Rev. C. S. Farriss, of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, responded to an invitation, and was welcomed.

Letters from new churches at Flint Hill and Tyson's Creek were presented, read and referred to Rev. A. D. Cohen, Dr. W. D. Watson and R. C. Cotton, a committee of examination.

Appointed the following committees:

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—The pastor and deacons of this (Pittsboro) church.
" ORDER OF BUSINESS—Rev. O. T. Edwards, James Gilbert, J. L. Lambert.
" PERIODICALS—Rev. C. S. Farriss, S. P. Teague, Jr., C. C. Sinclear.
" STATE MISSIONS—Elder J. L. Smith, W. G. Cheek, E. P. Seawell.
" FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. A. D. Cohen, H. L. Burns, M. J. Jordan.
" EDUCATION—Rev. O. T. Edwards, H. W. Peoples, L. R. Dixon.
" TEMPERANCE—John T. Paschal, S. P. Moore, Rob't H. Dixon.
" SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. S. Gilmore, Stephen Henly, R. T. Hamner.
" PRAYER MEETINGS—Dr. W. D. Watson, E. V. Straughn, J. R. McLemore.
" AUDITING—John A. Thompson, R. S. Eubanks, Wm. M. Ellington.
" LAST YEAR'S HISTORY—W. P. Wrenn, W. F. Watson, W. J. Dowd.

Appointed Rev. A. D. Cohen, Rev. W. G. King, G. A. Murchison, a committee to take into consideration the Bible Question now pending before the denomination.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder S. Gilmore. Benediction by the Moderator,

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The Introductory Sermon was preached in the church at 7 o'clock this evening by Rev. A. D. Cohen, from 1st Cor. xv, and part of the 10th verse: "By the grace of God I am what I am."

The weather was very threatening all this morning and yesterday all day, and this session being held on the northern border of our territory, the delegates were late arriving. Notwithstanding all this, about two-thirds were present at the organization.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

PITTSBORO, N. C., Sept. 29th, 1882.
9 O'clock, A. M.

The Association met in the spacious new court house for the better accommodation of the audience.

Religious exercises for one hour, conducted by Rev. R. T. Hamner, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator for the transaction of business.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Fall Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Manly, Macedonia, and Sandy Branch, were read and the delegates enrolled.

Invited visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats with us. Prof. Taylor and Bro. Joseph F. Moore, of Wake Forest, responded and were welcomed. Rev. J. M. White reported himself from the Raleigh Association and was welcomed.

The courtesies of the Association were extended by the Moderator to visiting ministers of other denominations and to members of the press present.

The Committee on the Admission of New Churches reported that they found the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant of Tyson's Creek Church to be in accord with our faith and order. Thereupon the church at Tyson's Creek was unanimously received into our union, and her delegates received the right hand of fellowship.

But the church at Flint Hill did not submit any Articles of Faith or Church Covenant. It was learned from the council of organization that this church was examined on faith and practice and found satisfactory, but her Faith and Covenant had not been written—(by neglect.)

It is ordered that the further consideration of this application be postponed until next session.

The letter from Cool Spring was read and her delegates enrolled.

The report on order of business was read, amended and adopted.

Report on Prayer Meetings was read and discussed by Dr. W. D. Watson, Elders J. L. Smith and O. T. Edwards. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings, not having any statistics on this subject from the churches, can only commend this part of the worship of God, and sug-

gest the advantages, as well as the great blessings, accruing from such meetings. With these facts, would urge the churches of this Association to maintain and encourage such meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WATSON,
E. V. STRAUGHN,
J. R. MCLEMORE.

Report on Temperance read and strong arguments made on it by Jno. T. Paschal, Elders J. L. Smith, A. D. Cohen, J. M. White, C. S. Farriss, Dr. W. D. Watson, and Joseph F. Moore. Amended by Elder O. T. Edwards and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance has been truly called the "grievous sin of our country." Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, says that temperance is the fruit of the Spirit, but the drunkard cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. We are exhorted in the Scriptures of Divine Truth to add temperance to faith, virtue, etc., and we shall not be barren; but he that lacketh these things is blind, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Especially do we deplore the excessive use of ardent spirits by the youth of our country. Let us by example and precept endeavor to reclaim them. Let us not only be temperate in drink, but in all we say and do.

We recommend that the churches give no uncertain sound on the use of spirituous liquors. Therefore, we advise and urge that our churches disown from their membership any member who makes, sells or uses it as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PASCHAL,
S. P. MOORE,
R. H. DIXON,
Committee.

Report on Periodicals read and ably discussed by Rev. C. S. Farriss.

Report on Education made special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon, and Prof. Taylor was requested to address the Association on that subject.

Report on State Missions was made special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and Foreign Missions to follow.

Appointed Rev. W. G. King, J. M. Stinson and James Gilbert a committee to nominate an Executive Board.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m. Doxology by the congregation. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The letter from Crane's Creek was read and her delegates enrolled.

The letter from Gum Spring was read and her delegates enrolled.

The discussion of the report on Periodicals was resumed by Elders J. L. Smith, J. M. White and C. S. Farriss. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

As an Association of North Carolina Baptists, we deem it essential for the members of our churches to subscribe for our paper, the BIBLICAL RECORDER. For a long time the RECORDER has been a sentinel on the outposts, and as an exponent of christian doctrine as held by Baptists, it has done good service. We are convinced of the following facts: 1. That in this age of cheap, worthless literature, it is an essential agency for good in the family. 2. It is a good educator. 3. That churches in which the RECORDER is taken are generally more effective in their work for good. 4. That every Baptist owes it, not only to himself but to his family, to be a subscriber.

We recommend *Kind Words* for our Sunday Schools. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

S. P. TEAGUE,
C. C. SINCLAIR,
C. S. FARRIS.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read, and an interesting speech was made by Rev. A. D. Cohen.

The hour for special order having arrived, the report on Education was read.

At this time Rev. Robert H. Marsh very feelingly reported himself as happily and joyfully among friends and at his old home, and being here in the interest of the Orphan Asylum and the *Orphan's Friend*, and fraternally representing the Flat River Association, and was welcomed.

The report on Education was effectively discussed by Prof. Taylor, Rev. R. H. Marsh, O. T. Edwards, J. M. White, J. L. Smith, W. G. King and Dr. W. D. Watson, during which the following churches were pledged to make an earnest effort to collect and forward the amounts set opposite their names, as follows:

Bear Creek	$10 00	May's Chapel	$12 00
Bethany	10 00	Moon's Chapel	5 00
Columbia	5 00	Mt. Olive	10 00
Cool Spring	5 00	Mechanic's Hill	5 00
Carthage	10 00	Manly	10 00
Deep Creek	5 00	Pittsboro	10 00
Emmaus	10 00	Rives' Chapel	10 00
Fall Creek	5 00	Rock Spring	10 00
Friendship	5 00	Rocky River	5 00
Gum Spring	5 00	Sandy Branch	5 00
Hickory Mountain	5 00	Tyson's Creek	3 00
Love's Creek	5 00		

In compliance with a proposition by Rev. W. G. King, for individuals to support one beneficiary, the following subscriptions were taken at once: W. V. King, W. D. Watson, O. T. Edwards, J. L. Smith, W. V. Straughn, S. W. Fuquay, A. D. Cohen, Richard Webster, Wm. F. Foushee, J. M. Stinson, H. L. Burns, Dr. J. B. Burns, W. H. H. Lawhon, J. W. Griffin, C. G. Frazier, M. D. Kivett, R. C. Cotton, T. J. Poe, H. C. Dowd, G. W. Harmon, S. Gilmore, J. R. McLemore, S. P. Teague, $5.50 each, and C. W. Oliver, George W. Emerson, W. J. Dowd and W. T. Brown, $2.75 each.

These brethren selected Bro. W. F. Watson, of Carthage church, as their beneficiary.

Report on education adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Believing that no government, priest or preacher has a right to dictate to any man what shall be his religion, but that each human being must search the scriptures for himself, believe for himself, be baptized for himself, be judge for himself, the Baptists, of all people in the world, should be the untiring advocates and supporters of general education; for how can they search the scriptures unless they be able to read? How can they believe for themselves unless they know what is revealed for their belief? And how can they be baptized unless they know from God's Word what baptism is? Education is the development of mental power, a growth or mental and moral talent, and every christian should increase the talents committed to his charge.

We should therefore rejoice in the interest which is now taken in general education all over North Carolina. There are more children and youth in our schools, seminaries and colleges than ever before. Our college at Wake Forest has more students than have ever been present at this time of the session, and is in a prosperous condition. We commend it, as well as the Mt. Vernon High School, to the patronage of our people.

Our Board of Education is now aiding twenty-six young brethren in securing an education. Four of these are from our Association. We hereby recommend to the Association that it shall undertake the support of two of them, and raise for this purpose during the next year year $240.

O. T. Edwards,
H. W. Peoples,
L. R. Dixon.

Repart on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to know that the cause of Sunday Schools is progressing steadily, and taking that stand and prominence that it deserves among our churches. We would urge the importance of every church in this Association having its own Sunday School. We are delighted with the Sunday School literature, and would recommend *Kind Words*, for the scholars, published at Macon, Ga., and the *Baptist Teacher* for the teachers published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. The uniform lessons in the Recoedrr should be studied by all.

Stephen Henly,
Stephen Gilmore,
S. M. Hannon.

Adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Prof. Taylor. Benediction by the Moderator.

Preaching in the Court House at 7 o'clock, p. m., by Rev. R. H. Marsh, from Mal. iii: 17—"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Pittsboro, N. C.,
Sept. 30th, 1882—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met in the Court House.

Religious exercises for one hour, conducted by Elder W. G. King, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention and Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath School Board, responded to an invitation to visiting brethren, and was welcomed.

The hour for special order having arrived, the report on State Missions was read, and was very feelingly and clearly discussed by Elder J. L. Smith, John E. Ray, Elder A. D. Cohen, during which a cash collection amounting to $20.50 was taken up, and pledges to the amount of $3.50 were made. Report on State Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The subject of State Missions is of such vast importance that we, as an Association, cannot afford to pass it by with just simply noticing it in a short report like this. We must wake up as a denomination and give of the means which God has loaned us, and help those called of God to obey the call, "come over and help us." It is our duty as Baptists to rally to the support of the State Mission Board. Our Missionaries in the State are paid, some entirely by the State Board, some in part by the State Board and in part by the Associations, and some entirely by the Associations. There is vast destitution in our State, and we cannot afford to lose the rich opportunities which are within our reach.

Jesse L Smith,
W. G. Cheek,
E. P. Seawell.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and tenderly dis-

cussed by Revs. A. D. Cohen, O. T. Edwards and Bro. John E. Ray. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The world for Christ" is a motto that might well adorn every banner of the sacred host of God going forth to battle for God and His Anointed. I would have painted in glowing colors beneath this motto a rugged cross, all streaming with blood, as intimating the only hope of a lost and ruined world, as also the only weapon of our warfare, as the means of drawing all hearts to Jesus, and subjugating the whole earth to the benignant reign of King Emmanuel.

The world—vast empire of Satan, lying in wickedness, submerged beneath superstition, moral degradation and ignorance of God and the retributions of eternity—constitutes our battle fields, and indicates the magnitude of the work and vastness of territory to be occupied by the army of Christ. We may well pause and calmly contemplate the herculian task before us. We should fall back discouraged and almost dismayed, did we not remember the promise accompanying the command, "Go forward." "lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, pointing to the entrenchments of idolatry, heathenism and hoary superstition, strengthened by the wickedness of the human heart and all opposing forces of the Devil, and then to the marks, cruel marks of the crown, the spikes, the spear, cries, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."

Your Committee have reviewed the field of Foreign Missions. The vast empires and kingdoms not yet conquered for Christ force from us the earnest prayer, "Let thy kingdom come, and let thy will be done in earth as in heaven."

China, Mexico, Brazil, Africa and the European missions, with their teeming millions, present a vast field of labor and contention for the energetic efforts of our Foreign Board. To continue their efforts in these countries, where the Board has already sent missionaries and established mission stations, requires at least as much money and as earnest prayers as have enabled them in the past to begin these missions. Now it will require an increased amount of such resources to occupy new fields now opening up before them. Our dear Bro. Tupper, the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board, stands with streaming eyes and outstretched hands, beseeching the people of the Lord, and crying to God with uncounted groans and innumerable tears, by day and by night, to furnish the means and the men to go up and occupy the land. In view of the vastness of the work stretching out before us, while grateful for the past liberality and increasing devotion of God's people to the Foreign Missionary work, he exclaims: "Contributions have been large, but must be larger." Most of our missionaries are projecting new movements, and are devoted and joyous in spirit. The greatest sufferer among them says: "I can now sing the doxology with a zest." Yes, let us join with him and sing. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and then put our hands in our pockets and contribute as the Lord hath blessed us. Then can our Board of Foreign Missions send additional laborers to reinforce our dear brethren in China, Mexico, Brazil, Africa and Europe, to occupy those constantly expanding fields which God in his providence is opening before them.

Your Committee would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in view of the increasing demand upon the benevolence of the churches, by the unfolding of the leaves of the divine purposes in opening the doors of the nations to missionary operations, and as a thankoffering for the abundant harvests of the present year, we determine to double our usual subscriptions to Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise our just proportion of the $100.000 now asked for by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and thus second the battle cry, "Forward to the cen-

tre," that Africa, China, Japan, Turkey, the Papal lands, islands, continents, the whole earth, may be subjugated to Christ, the Lord's Anointed, whose right it is to reign.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. COHEN.
D. L. BURNS,
M. J. JORDAN,
Committee

The appointments for Sabbath services were announced at this time.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock this evening.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment.

The letter from Columbia was read and her delegates enrolled.

Report of Executive Board was read, and remarks were made by Dr. W. D. Watson, Elders J. M. White, Daniel Hackney and J. L. Smith. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Committee would report:

That we employed Rev. A. D. Cohen to preach at Pittsboro, who reports that he preached once a month and baptized 4, and reports the church in a very prosperous condition, for which services we paid him fifty dollars, which amount supplements his salary. Also employed Rev. J. S. Smith to labor in the western bounds of the Association, who reports 25 days labor, 35 pastoral visits, baptized 4, organized 2 Sabbath Schools and 3 prayer meetings, cash collected $6.25, for which services we paid him $13.03, which consumed all the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association for this object.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WATSON,
W. L. FOUSHEE.

Ordered that all speeches be limited to five minutes.

Report on Bible Work was read and ably discussed by Rev. A. D. Cohen. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE WORK.

The British and Foreign Bible Society was established in 1804 for the purpose of giving the word of God to all nations.

In 1816 the American Bible Society was organized to co-operate with the London Society, for the same purpose, upon a basis that professed to shut out all "local feelings, party prejudices and sectarian jealousies," formed for the ostensible object of "dissemination of the Scriptures in the received versions, where they exist, and in the most faithful where they may be required." With such a catholic ground the Baptists could heartily co-operate with all other religious denominations. And for about twenty years prayers and labors and contributions of money harmoniously went up to the Throne of Grace for the spread of the gospel among all nations.

But, alas! for human weakness, about the year 1835 the English Missionaries, Pearce and Yates asked money for printing the Bengali New Testament, and sometime after this Judson solicited an appropriation for printing the Burmese Bible, by means of which untold numbers of heathen might learn the plan of salvation.

These requests were refused, and in 1836 the following resolution was passed by the managers of that society:

"*Resolved*, That in appropriating money for the translating, printing or distributing of the sacred Scriptures in foreign languages, the managers claim the liberty to encourage only such versions as conform in principle of translation to the common English version; at least so far as that all the religious denominations represented in this Society can consistently use and circulate said versions in their several schools and communities."

This resolution refusing aid in circulating the Bible translated into the most faithful idiomatic Burmese by Dr. Judson, and discriminating against other versions made by Baptist missionaries, forced the Baptists out of the Society, and from all quarters there was demanded some action of the denomination to preserve its self-respect, and to confer with each other as to some plan to secure the circulation of the Bible among all the nations. To do the work which God in his providence had assigned to them, accordingly in 1837 a great Convention, the representatives of the churches of our denomination numbering one hundred and ninety, or four hundred, met in the city of Philadelphia and organized, by some of the first men of the times, twenty-three States of the Union and the District of Columbia, and formed "The American and Foreign Bible Society."

Since that time various efforts have been made to regain the influence of the Baptists, as for instance, in 1879 the American Bible Society revised its by-laws and omitted the article which had driven the Baptists from co-operating in its work. And many rallied to its support. In 1880 another resolution of the character of a compromise was passed. But lately, upon application for aid to print the Burmese New Testament, the Society has reiterated the resolution of 1836, in effect, and the Baptists find themselves exactly where they were in 1837 thrust out of co-operation with the American Bible Society, unless they will give up the principle for which they have contended these many years, and "sacrifice their consistency, interest and honor."

It is now proposed by a Joint Committee of the American Baptist Publication Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the American and Foreign Bible Society, &c., to call a general Baptist Convention to submit a plan for the readjustment of our Bible work, covering both translation and circulation, and to designate the methods by which it can be done efficiently and to the satisfaction of our denomination as a whole. This Convention has been called to meet in Saratoga on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 1882.

Therefore, your Committee would recommend:

1st. That, recognizing the dreadful fact that millions of our race are perishing for lack of the knowledge of God's Word, or are liable to be led into error by corrupt translations, we feel the the necessity of furnishing them with the pure word of God, and that the world has paramount claims upon us to do this work.

2nd. That we would respectfully suggest to the Baptist State Convention that they take such action, at their next meeting, as will secure an ample representation in that body; and that this Association will pledge itself to the support and hearty co-operation of any Society that may be agreed upon by that Convention which will secure the desirable end—the union into a national and international Bible Society as a symbol and bond of unity of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. COHEN,
W. G. KING,
G. A. MURCHISON,
Committee.

W. Joshua A. Bradley died
Ford, Nb. Feb. 13. 1912 at 4 o'clock P.M.
a Began at G. Creek 1887–1897
m. came up Grand Creek in 1896
Began State Line 1894–1901 = 8 yrs
a at Hooker 1869–
m at Enon 1886–1896 = 10 years
" 1897–

R.D. Dennis died Aug 30. 1914

P H Jenkins died March 29. 1915